Seventy-fifth session
Agenda item 81
Crimes against humanity

Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 15 December 2020

[on the report of the Sixth Committee (A/75/427, para. 7)]

75/136. Crimes against humanity

The General Assembly,

Having considered chapter IV of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventy-first session,¹ which contains the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity,

Noting that the Commission decided to recommend the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity to the General Assembly and recommended the elaboration of a convention by the Assembly or by an international conference of plenipotentiaries on the basis of the draft articles,²

Emphasizing the continuing importance of the codification and progressive development of international law, as referred to in Article 13, paragraph 1 (a), of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing the need to prevent and punish crimes against humanity, which are among the most serious crimes of concern to the international community as a whole,

Recalling its resolution 74/187 of 18 December 2019, by which it took note of the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, contained in chapter IV of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventy-first session,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the International Law Commission for its continuing contribution to the codification and progressive development of international law;

² Ibid., para. 42.
2. Takes note of the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, presented by the Commission;  

3. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-sixth session the item entitled “Crimes against humanity” and to continue to examine the recommendation of the Commission contained in paragraph 42 of its report on the work of its seventy-first session.

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3 Ibid., chap. IV, sect. E.