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The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States and the Permanent Observer Missions of non-member States to the United Nations and has the honour to draw attention to the following.

In its resolution 79/122 of 4 December 2024, the General Assembly decided, *inter alia*, to convene the United Nations Conference of Plenipotentiaries on Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Humanity, to meet at United Nations Headquarters in New York for three consecutive weeks in early 2028, and for three consecutive weeks in 2029, to elaborate and conclude a legally binding instrument on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, as well as the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, to meet from 19 to 30 January 2026, and for four days in 2027, at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

By paragraph 5 of the above-mentioned resolution, the Assembly referred to the Conference a compiled text, to serve as the basis for negotiations, consisting of both the draft articles on prevention and punishment of crimes against humanity, as contained in Chapter IV of the report of the International Law Commission on the work of its seventy-first session (A/74/10), and a compilation of proposals for amendments to the draft articles submitted by Governments. The Assembly also referred to the Conference the commentaries to the draft articles, the written comments and observations of Governments, the views expressed in discussions at the seventy-fourth to seventy-eighth sessions of the General Assembly, the written summary of the resumed sessions of the Sixth Committee and the recommendation of the Commission.

By paragraph 9 of the same resolution, and in accordance with paragraph 5, the Assembly invited Governments to submit by 30 April 2026 proposals for amendments to the draft articles for inclusion in the compiled text, and requested the Secretary-General to submit a proposed compiled text to the Preparatory Committee at its second session, to be held in 2027.

Accordingly, the Secretariat would appreciate receiving proposals for amendments to the draft articles in response to the request by the General Assembly no later than **30 April 2026**.

It is to be recalled that in accordance with paragraph 34 of General Assembly resolution 78/182 of 19 December 2023, the Assembly requests “that reports of the Secretary-General submitted to the General Assembly ... continue to systematically address gender perspectives through gender-sensitive analysis ... and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to convey the importance of reflecting a gender perspective to all stakeholders who provide input to his reports”.

The Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States and the Permanent Observer Missions of non-member States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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