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Thank you, Mr. President,

We would like to focus our brief intervention on the issue of prevention of genocide. We thank the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, and the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, for presenting their pertinent study.

We are of the view that anything that could potentially contribute to the prevention of future acts of genocide should be examined in a favorable manner. Transitional justice has proved to be a necessary and powerful tool to address past acts of genocide, taking into account the broader context in trying to mend the far-reaching negative effects of the terrible crime of genocide.

Mr. President,

A month ago, the UN Member States marked the International Holocaust Remembrance Day, bearing in mind the memory of this tragedy, which remains vivid despite the passage of time. We consider the process of reconciliation as a vital one, in order to establish a constructive dialogue with a view to support and strengthen the victims and to rebuild a functioning society.

Effective transitional justice can also play an important role in prevention of genocide, and ensuring non-recurrence.

I thank you Mr. President.