

# WORKSHOP ON THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION'S DRAFT ARTICLES ON CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

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## CONCEPT PAPER

### Objective of the Workshop

At its sixty-sixth session in 2014, the International Law Commission (ILC) commenced work on drafting what may become a Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Humanity. The Special Rapporteur for the project, Professor Sean D. Murphy, submitted a first report in 2015 outlining the general scope of the project and proposing initial draft articles, which led to the adoption by the ILC of draft articles 1-4 with commentary. The Special Rapporteur submitted a second report in 2016, which led to the adoption by the ILC of draft articles 6-10 with commentary. The Special Rapporteur submitted a third report in 2017, which led to the adoption by the ILC of a draft preamble, draft articles 11-15 and a draft annex, all with commentary.

This completes the “first reading” (or first draft) of the ILC’s work on this topic. The ILC is now accepting comments from governments and other interested actors before proceeding to the “second reading” (or final draft) in 2019.

The objective of this workshop is to provide an opportunity for interested individuals from across the Latin America and the Caribbean region to engage in a discussion with the Special Rapporteur on the work of the International Law Commission to date, both to learn about the initiative and to suggest improvements to the text of the Draft Articles.



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## **Draft Agenda**

- 9.00-9.30: Arrival and coffee
- 9.30-10.00: **Welcome and introductions**  
Professor Elizabeth Salmón, PUCP, Instituto de Democracia y Derechos Humanos  
Lecturer Michelle Reyes, PUCP, Coalition for the International Criminal Court  
Professor Leila Sadat, Washington University, Whitney R. Harris Institute  
Mr. Cristoph Sommer, Counselor and Chargé d'affaires a.i, Embassy of Switzerland
- 10.00-10.30: **Overview of the ILC's 2017 Draft Articles (Draft articles 1, 2, 3)**  
Professor Sean Murphy, ILC Special Rapporteur on Crimes against Humanity and Associate member of Matrix Chambers
- 10.30-11.15: **Measures for preventing Crimes against Humanity (Draft articles 4, 5, 8)**  
Chair: Professor Leila Sadat
- 11.15-11.30: Coffee break
- 11.30-12.45: **Measures for punishing Crimes against Humanity (Draft articles 6, 7, 9, 10)**  
Chair: Mr. Hugo Relva
- 13.00-13.45: **Lunch**
- 13.45-14.15: **Keynote Address**  
H.E. Judge Patrick Robinson
- 14.15-15.30: **Rights of victims, defendants and others (Draft articles 11-12); Extradition and mutual legal assistance (Draft articles 13-14)**  
Chair: Professor Claudio Grossman
- 15.30-15.45: Coffee break
- 15.45-17.00: **Topics of Special Interest and their Impact in the Region**  
Chair: Ms. Michelle Reyes
- 17.00-18.00: **How to convince governments to transform the Draft Articles into a Convention?**  
Chair: Professor Sean Murphy
- 18.00-18.15: **Closing remarks**  
Professor Elizabeth Salmón  
Professor Leila Sadat