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AD HOC COMMITTEE ON GENOCIDE

DRAFT OF THE PREAMBLE AND OF ARTICLE I FOR INCLUSION
IN THE DRAFT CONVENTION (AS ADOPTED BY
THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AFTER THE FIRST READING)

- PREAMBLE -

"THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES

declare that genocide is a grave crime against
mankind which violates the spirit and aims of the United
Nations and which the civilized world condemns

THE HIGH CONTRACTING PARTIES,

having been profoundly shocked by many recent
instances of genocide, and

having taken note of the fact that the International
Military Tribunal at Nurnberg in its judgment of September
30th and October 1st 1946 has punished certain persons
who had committed analogous acts, and

being convinced that the prevention and punishment
of genocide requires international cooperation,

HEREBY AGREE TO PREVENT AND PUNISH THE CRIME AS
PROVIDED IN THIS CONVENTION."

- ARTICLE I -

"Genocide is a crime under international law regardless
whether committed in time of war or in time of peace."

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