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**Proposal submitted by Egypt on common elements to be
included in all crimes against humanity¹**

1. The perpetrator committed an act as part of a widespread or systematic attack.
2. The perpetrator knew that his act was part of a widespread or systematic attack.
3. The widespread attack was massive, frequent, or large scale, carried out collectively with considerable seriousness and directed against a multiplicity of victims.
4. The systematic attack was thoroughly organized and followed a regular pattern on the basis of a common policy that was evident.

¹ They can be introduced in every crime, in a chapeau, or in a general provision.