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The Proposed Convention defines crimes against humanity consistent with the ICC Statute and contains provisions on the criminal responsibility of natural and legal persons, State responsibility, jurisdiction, interstate cooperation, protecting the human rights of the accused, providing protection and reparations for the victims and sets out procedures for taking and preserving evidence, extradition, and enforcement.

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