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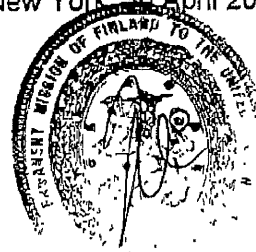
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The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and, with reference to the note LA/COD/59/1 of 28 December 2011, has the honour to transmit the following information as an update to its note YKEM107-33 of 17 May 2010, on the scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction in the Finnish legal system:

The first case tried by Finnish courts under the principle of universal jurisdiction has proceeded through the district court and the court of appeal. The court of appeal gave its judgment on 30 March 2012, where it upheld the district court's decision that the defendant was guilty of the crime of genocide in his country of origin. The defendant was sentenced to life imprisonment. The judgment of the court of appeal is not yet final as it may be appealed against to the Supreme Court, provided that the Supreme Court grants leave to appeal.

The Permanent Mission of Finland avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations the assurance of its highest consideration.

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