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## VERBAL NOTE

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations presents their compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the note LA/COD/59/1 of 17 January 2017, have the honor to submit the following information on the scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction in the Finnish legal system pursuant to paragraph 3 of the United Nations General Assembly resolution 71/149 of 13 December 2016.

The information that was submitted in 2010, 2012 and 2016 regarding the Finnish Criminal Code is still valid. As an update we would like to add the following: The Section 1(1) of the Decree on the implementation of Section 7 of Chapter 1 (international crimes) of the Criminal Code has been complemented (in force from 23 May 2016) with the following:

Counterfeiting currency, the preparation of the counterfeiting of currency, or the use of counterfeited currency, referred to in the International Convention for the Suppression of Counterfeiting Currency and, and counterfeiting of the euro, preparation of the counterfeiting of currency, or the use of counterfeited currency as referred to in Article 8 (2) in Directive 2014/62/EU of the European Parliament and the Council. Before the amendment instead of referring to the directive mentioned above, this provision of the implementation decree made reference to the Council Framework Decision 2000/383/JHA that was repealed with the directive.

Regarding judicial practice we would like to submit the following update. No new judgements relevant to this query have been delivered since the 2016 reply. Currently one case, where two persons are charged with terrorist crimes and war crimes is pending in the district court of Tampere. One additional terrorist crime investigation has proceeded to the stage, where the prosecutor is considering whether to bring charges. In addition, there are in the preliminary investigation stage three files regarding the suspected commission of terrorist crimes and war crimes.

The Permanent Mission of Finland avail themselves of this opportunity to renew the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of their highest consideration.

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H.E. António Guterres  
Secretary-General of the United Nations

