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**PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and further to the latter's Note LA/COD/59/1 dated 9 January 2019, requesting the submission of information and observations referring to General Assembly resolution 73/208 of 20 December 2018 entitled "*The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction*" and the call contained therein towards the Membership for the submission of information, has the honour to transmit herewith Cyprus' relevant contribution.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction by the Republic of Cyprus

According to the Cypriot legislation, the principle of universal jurisdiction applies to the following offences:

- A. By virtue of the Criminal Code (CAP 155), Section 5(1)(e)
- Piracy
 - Offences related to illicit trafficking of dangerous drugs
 - Offences for which the Republic's laws are applicable by virtue of any binding international convention or treaty
- B. By virtue of the Law ratifying the Treaty of Rome establishing the International Criminal Court (Law 8(III)/2002 as amended by Law 23(III)/2006, Articles 4 and 6, Law 13(III)/2013, Article 3A, and Law 3(III)/2018), Articles 2, 4(1) and 5)
- Crime of genocide
 - Crimes against humanity
 - War crimes
 - Crime of aggression
- C. By virtue of the Law ratifying the 1949 Geneva Conventions (Law 40(III)/1966), Article 4(1)(2)
- Grave breaches of the 1949 Geneva Conventions I, II, III and IV (Articles 50, 51, 130 and 147 respectively)
- D. By virtue of the Law extending the jurisdiction of domestic courts for the purposes of trying certain terrorist offences (Law 9/79), Section 3
- Offences as found in Article 1 of the 1977 European Convention on the Suppression of Terrorism
- E. By virtue of the Law ratifying the 1984 United Nations Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Law 235/90), Article 3)
- Offences related to torture, cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment