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VERBAL NOTE

The Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations and, with reference to the note LA/COD/59/1 of 18 December 2020, has 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 75/142 of 15 December 2020.

The provisions on universal jurisdiction are contained in Section 7 of Chapter 1 of the Criminal Code of Finland and in the Decree on the application of Section 7 of Chapter 1 of the Criminal Code. The information that was submitted in 2019 and in 2020 regarding this legislation is still valid.

Concerning the case (suspected war crimes, aggravated crimes against humanity and murders committed outside of Finland) on which information was provided in 2020, the trial has started on 1 February 2021 in Pirkanmaa District Court and will at least last until summer 2021. At the moment, there are no other cases as regards universal jurisdiction.

The Permanent Mission of Finland 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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