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Scope and Application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The United States greatly appreciates the Sixth Committee's continued interest in this important agenda item. We thank the Secretary-General for his reports, which have usefully summarized the submissions made by States on this topic.

Despite the importance of this issue and its long history as part of international law relating to piracy, the view of the United States continues to be that basic questions remain about how jurisdiction should be exercised in relation to universal crimes and States' views and practices related to the topic.

During the years since this issue was taken up by the Committee, we have engaged in thoughtful discussions on a number of important topics concerning universal jurisdiction, including with respect to its definition, scope, and application. The submissions made by States to date, the continued effort of the Working Group in this Committee, and the Secretary-General's reports have been valuable in helping us to identify differences of opinion among States as well as points of consensus on this issue. We remain interested in further exploring issues related to the practical application of universal jurisdiction

The United States continues to analyze the contributions of other States and organizations. We welcome this Committee's continued consideration of this issue and the input of more States about their own practice. We look forward to exploring these issues in as practical a manner as possible.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.