



STATEMENT

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I wish to take this opportunity to join my colleagues in congratulating you and members of the Bureau on your deserved election. Be assured of my delegation's support and cooperation throughout the work of the Sixth Committee in the 77<sup>th</sup> Session.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the African Group by the representative of the Kingdom of Morocco and also the statement made by the representative of Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

**Mr. Chairman**

My delegation considers agenda item 85 "The Scope and Application of the principle of Universal Jurisdiction", as an integral part of International Law, and it provides the realization of prospects of justice in places where it would otherwise be inconceivable. It is a principle that beyond shadow of doubt reflects the understanding that crimes which shock humanity's conscience are and should be a concern to humankind.

My delegation, however, wishes to reiterate that definition of the principle is not of paramount importance to this Committee. This agenda item was mainly formulated to define the scope and application of this principle in the wake of abuse of the same.

**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation reaffirms its concern, not with the principle of Universal Jurisdiction, but rather with the use, scope and application thereof, in order to avoid potential abuse and political manipulation, and emphasizes the need to avoid arbitrary or selective application of this meticulous principle of International Law.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I reiterate the fundamental purpose of the principle of Universal Jurisdiction, which is to ensure that individuals who committed grave offences, such as war crimes, crimes against humanity and others as enshrined in the Rome Statute, do not do so with impunity and are accordingly be brought to justice.

I thank you