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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs and with reference to communication LA/COD/59/1, dated 9 December 2022 would like to convey, in accordance with operative paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 77/111 of 7 December 2022, the following information on the scope and application of the principle of the universal jurisdiction stipulated in the Criminal Code of the Republic of Bulgaria:

The Principle of the universal jurisdiction is introduced in Art. 6 of the Criminal Code of the Republic of Bulgaria. The provision of Art. 6 stipulates that the Criminal Code shall apply to foreign citizens who have committed crimes against peace and humanity abroad, whereby the interests of another state or foreign citizens have been affected and that the Criminal Code shall also apply to other crimes committed by foreign citizens abroad, where this is stipulated in an international agreement, to which the Republic of Bulgaria is a State Party. The crimes against peace and humanity are codified in Art. 407-419 A, Chapter XIV of the Criminal Code.

As regards initiation of criminal proceedings for offences for which universal jurisdiction is established under Article 6 of the Criminal Code, the examination of the data maintained in the official statistical records and in the unified information system of the Office of the Prosecutor General, does not contain any data on proceedings instituted against foreigners who have committed crimes against peace and humanity affecting the interests of another State or foreign citizens.

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

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