

**Statement by Ms. Vreeshini Raojee (Mauritius), coordinator of the draft resolution on “The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction” (item 85)**

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Mr. Chair, dear colleagues,

Today I have the honour to introduce, on behalf of the Bureau, the draft resolution contained in document **A/C.6/79/L.15**, entitled “The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction”.

The draft resolution is based on resolution 78/113 adopted last year, with necessary technical updates. In the interest of time, I will only draw your attention to the changes that go beyond a technical update.

Under **operative paragraph 1**, the General Assembly would take note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General reviewing all the submissions of Member States and relevant observers, as well as views expressed in the debates of the Sixth Committee, since the sixty-second session of the Assembly and identifying possible convergences and divergences on the definition, scope and application of universal jurisdiction

Under **operative paragraph 3** of the draft resolution, the General Assembly would invite the Working Group of the Sixth Committee to be established at its eighty-first session to consider and comment on the question “how the principle of universal jurisdiction is distinct from other related concepts”.

Lastly, according to **operative paragraph 4**, the General Assembly would invite Member States and relevant observers to the General Assembly to submit, before 25 April 2025, information and observations on the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, and would request the Secretary-General to prepare and submit to the Assembly at its eightieth session a report based on such information and observations.

Mr. Chair,

In my view, the text reflects a consensus among delegations. For this reason, I commend the draft resolution contained in document **A/C.6/79/L.15** to the Sixth Committee for adoption without a vote. I thank most sincerely all delegations for their support.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.