

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kenya to the United Nations

Mr. Chairman,

We are delighted to join other delegations in this topical discussion on the Scope

and Application of the Principle of Universal-Insis diction Research in the items

impunity at the national level with impunity at the international level under the cloak of universal jurisdiction. It is a fact that some States are not concerned about accountability for international crimes. It is this double standard and overt politicisation of the use of universal jurisdiction that should be a concern to us here today.

Where the principle of Universal Jurisdiction should apply, my delegation wishes to emphasize that there should be fairness, uniformity and consistency in the application of this principle. Otherwise, it would be open to exploitation. Like other African States, Kenya is of the view that the abuse and selective application of the principle of universal jurisdiction endangers the good principle.