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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Non-Aligned Movement continues to follow with high interest the agenda
item 86 entitled "The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction". The Movement reiterates its call upon all States to take this opportunity to reflect on this issue and consider its various aspects with a view to identifying its scope and limits of application and to prevent any inappropriate resort to it.

The Movement also takes note of the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/68/113 and its addendum, prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 67/98, on the basis of comments and observations received from Governments and relevant observers.

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of Justice and the work of the International Law Commission are among the sources which might be useful in our discussions in the Sixth Committee. The Non-Aligned Movement cautions against the unwarranted expansion of the crimes under universal jurisdiction.

Mr. Chairman,
The Non-Aligned Movement Member Countries will engage actively in the deliberations on this agenda item, including within the working group established in accordance with paragraph 2 of the General Assembly resolution 67/98. We encourage all Member States of the United Nations to be actively engaged in these discussions in order to identify the scope and limits of application of universal jurisdiction, The Member Countries of the Movement remain open to sharing information and practices with other Member States in this regard. We look forward to reaching our common goal of mutual respect, the rule of law around the globe and proper application of universal jurisdiction without its abuse.

I thank you.