After several years of discussions on this agenda item, it seems that we are agreed in principle that the most serious crimes of international concern, for example, war crimes and piracy, should be subject to the principle of universal jurisdiction.

However, my delegation notes that we have many issues yet to be verified. There seems no agreement on universal jurisdiction in practice at the national level. And it is hard to deny that the scope of crimes to be covered by this principle still requires further considered discussions. In other words, it is necessary that the international community should make efforts to agree on the definition of universal jurisdiction and the crimes subject to universal jurisdiction.

Mr. Chairman,

The application of the principle of the universal jurisdiction has more legal complexity because it is closely linked with many practical questions including who, when and how to exercise it. My delegation strongly believes that the principle of universal jurisdiction should not be misused. It should be applied in a responsible and judicious manner. Attempts to use universal jurisdiction just for pur9 Tc 12.6 0 0 12.6 53.46 439.93 Tm 3t.2.612.6 0 0 12.6 6e09iil
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