Statement on behalf of the African Group by Ambassador Kingsley Mamabolo, Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations, in the Sixth Committee of General Assembly under Agenda Item "The Scope and Application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction"

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Mr Chairman

My delegation has, once again, the honour to speak on behalf of the African Group. The African Group associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. The African Group attaches great importance to this agenda Item "The Scope and Application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction". As you may recall, the abuse in the resort to universal jurisdiction, particularly over African officials, caused the African Group to request in February 2009 the (

humanity. Furthermore, African States have adopted progressive human rights instruments including optional protocols that permit individual complaints or grievance procedures against