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Mr. Chairman,

Universal jurisdiction is a powerful subsidiary tool in

nationals. As regards other, far less often cases involving nationals of neighbouring States, Serbia should use existing mutual assistance mechanisms in criminal matters between States, international comity, as well as bilateral agreements and acts in force.

Mr Chairman,

Croatia strongly supports the role and the results of international criminal justice mechanisms, including the unequivocal recognition and full implementation of ICTY decisions. Croatia repudiates the idea that any State could ever try to impose itself in place of those mechanisms by restriction of universal jurisdiction to "regional jurisdiction/encroachment". Finally, Croatia reiterates its commitment to the proper application of the principle of universal jurisdiction and international and regional cooperation in criminal matters in accordance with basic principles and rules of international law, including international criminal law.

Thank you.