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Please

Mr. Chairman,
My delegation aligns itself with the Statements delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non Aligned Movement and by South Africa on behalf of the African Group. We appreciate the report of the Secretary General contained in document A/70/125

of law at the international level. International Law should be the sole foundation for addressing global issues. We are convinced that the UN provides the best venue with the broadest legitimacy for addressing the divergence views on the type and range of crimes for which the doctrine could be invoked.

Mr. Chairman,
Universal jurisdiction should be exercised in good faith and in a manner that is consistent with other principles of international Law.

This present challenge is not only about the application of the principle of universal jurisdiction and the future management of international Justice in the world. It is about the future management of cases of impunity and violence in the world; and, it is also about the way in which States relate to each other in the context of the international justice system. This system, as much as it focuses on justice, it must also ensure respect of the fundamental nexus between peace, security and justice - there cannot be justice without peace as without justice is in itself an inadequate state of being.

It is in this regard that the international community has a very special obligation. We should restrain ourselves from adopting a narrow and rigid interpretation of the role of universal jurisdiction that seeks to exclude all other processes relevant and important for sustained international peace and instead advocate for an all-inclusive