



Mr. Chairman,

My delegation aligns itself with the Statement delivered on behalf of the African Group by the distinguished representative of Algeria.

Nigeria is grateful to the Secretary General for his Report tabled for

our consideration on this agenda item. We have studied the various comments on the subject and on the general application of the principle of universal jurisdiction. Nigeria aligns itself with the position of many of the

This is because, any state can unilaterally apply the principle over an accused person regardless of where the alleged crime was committed and

irrespective of the nationality of the accused. Against this backdrop, Nigeria holds to its conviction that the doctrine should be exercised in good faith and in line with other principles of international law, including the

sovereignty of states and immunity of state officials.

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5. In this connection, Nigeria is of the very strong view that relevant officials must be immune against the doctrine of universal jurisdiction. We are also firmly committed to our view that the primary responsibility for

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7. My delegation supports the idea of establishing a Working Group of the Sixth Committee during this session to continue to undertake a thorough discussion of the scope and application of the principle of

universal jurisdiction. We also support the decision to make the working group open to all Member States and to invite relevant observers to

its application but also give legitimacy and credibility to its usage consistent with international law.

10. In conclusion, Nigeria reiterates its commitment to the principle of Universal Jurisdiction as an important tenet of international law against impunity and a complementary mechanism to ensure accountability.