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On Agenda Item 87

1997-1998 Annual Report of the Commission on Human Rights on Universal Jurisdiction

The Commission on Human Rights, established by the Economic and Social Council in 1948, has been instrumental in the development of international human rights law. It has played a central role in the promotion and protection of human rights, including through its work on universal jurisdiction. The Commission's annual reports provide a comprehensive overview of its activities and the progress of human rights in various countries. The 1997-1998 Annual Report on Universal Jurisdiction is a key document in this series, detailing the Commission's efforts to address human rights violations and promote accountability through universal jurisdiction.

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Mr Chairman,

Universal jurisdiction is a multifaceted issue with political, legal and diplomatic dimensions. The Chinese delegation believes that the discussions in the Sixth Committee in the recent years to clarify the scope and application of universal jurisdiction are of positive significance. During past deliberations and as reflected in the informal documents of working groups, member states fully exchanged views and shared information on this topic

judicial justice. However, member states had huge divergence on the applicability of universal jurisdiction and on the conditions required for jurisdiction in circumstances other than piracy. State practice and

This year marks the 10th consecutive year for the Sixth Committee to deliberate on universal jurisdiction. In view of the tremendous differences among member states on this topic and the dire prospects of reaching consensus in the near future, and also in view of the decision by the ILC at its 70th Session this year to include “Universal Criminal Jurisdiction” in its long-term work program, we suggest that member states seriously ponder on whether it is necessary to continue deliberations on this item in the Sixth Committee.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.