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The Scope and Application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction

Mr. Chairperson,

Israel welcomes this opportunity to continue to engage in the discussion on the Scope and Application of Universal Jurisdiction.

At the outset, the Government of Israel would like to thank the Secretary General for his recent report entitled, "The Scope and Application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction" (A/73/123), and for his ongoing contribution to this sensitive and complex topic. We also wish to commend the efforts made by the Sixth Committee

principle of universal jurisdiction over the course of the last nine years.

Mr. Chairperson,

Israel takes note of the recent decision of the International Law Commission to include this topic in its long-term programme of work. We consider this decision to be premature and counterproductive and believe that this subject should continue to be addressed within the Sixth Committee for several reasons

Second, from a practical point of view, the topic of universal jurisdiction is extremely complex and identifying state practice in this area presents a significant challenge. This is mainly due to the fact that the vast majority of the relevant legal data is confidential. Examples of such confidential information include, among others, the time of normalista that ere filed the identity of the States that receive make which those States hendle and nategorize the 1127