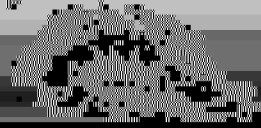


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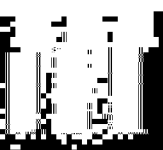


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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation wishes to align itself with the statement made by the Representative of Gambia on behalf of the African Group and by Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. We would also like to take this

document **A/73/123** which gives us an overall view of Members State's practices on the application of the principle of universal jurisdiction in their domestic legal systems.

Mr. Chairman,

My country continues to follow with great interest the question of

~~the principle of universal jurisdiction. This issue is indeed~~

This regulation should first of all establish the criteria for application of the principle and for its compatibility with the relevant existing instruments of international law as well as with the Charter of the United Nations. Yet, there is also a need for the international community to identify those crimes that would be subjected to universal jurisdiction

~~and in which circumstances they could be invoked by states or its~~

courts.

The application of the principle of universal jurisdiction can only gain legitimacy and universal acceptance if such application respects the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations and in the international law, particularly those referred to the sovereign equality of all states, non-interference in internal affairs of other states and immunity of states officials mainly the immunity of heads of state. These

~~principles cannot be restricted and any judicial proceeding should fall~~

of this principle would certainly strengthen the rule of law at national and international levels.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to commit itself once again in the discussion of this important agenda item and to take again this opportunity to commend and encourages the Secretary General for providing the Member States with regularly update on this important matter.

I thank you all.