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Thank you, Chair.

item. We thank the Secretary-General for his reports, which have usefully summarized the submissions made by States on this topic.

Despite the importance of this issue and its long history as part of international law relating to piracy, the United States maintains the view that basic questions remain about how related to the topic.

In the years since the Committee took up this issue, we have engaged in thoughtful discussions on a number of important topics concerning universal jurisdiction, including with respect to its definition, scope, and application. The submissions made by States to date, the effort of the Working Group in this Committee, and the Secretary-valuable in helping us to identify differences of opinion among States as well as points of consensus on this issue. We remain interested in further exploring issues related to the practical application of universal jurisdiction.