



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States
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Thank you, Mr./Madam Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries Serbia, Albania and the Republic of Moldova, as well as Georgia align themselves with this Statement.

Mr./Madam Chair

Accountability for core international crimes is part of the EU efforts to fight impunity around the world. Accountability is not only a strong deterrent, but also as a driver of successful reconciliation processes and the consolidation of peace in conflict societies.

In that regard, we view universal jurisdiction as an important tool of the international criminal justice system to prevent and combat impunity and promote international accountability. Although the views and practices of States concerning the definition, scope and application of universal jurisdiction vary

The European Union believes that prevention should be at the centre of the discussion on the scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction. We also believe that universal jurisdiction is one of many tools that can assist in preventing future commission of the most serious international crimes.

Mr./Madam Chair,

In the spirit of the UN Charter, the European Union and its Member States will continue to work towards our shared goal to prevent impunity around the world. We believe that universal jurisdiction is an important tool in that regard. We look forward to a fruitful exchange of best practices and valuable reflections on this agenda item.

Thank you.