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Scope and Application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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agenda 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 view of the United States continues to be that basic questions remain about how
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related to the topic.

During the years since this issue was taken up by the Committee, 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
continued effort of the Working Group in the Committee, and the Secretary-General's reports
have been 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

The United States continues to analyze the contributions of other States and organizations. We
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about their own practice. We look forward to exploring these issues in as practical a manner as
possible.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.