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1. The delegation of Sierra Leone aligns this statement to the statement delivered by the Distinguished Representative of the Republic of Uganda on behalf of the African Group.

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4. The Secretary - \* H Q H U D O . V U H S R U W d R f u m W K L V V  
an increasing State practice based on the universality  
principle. This is why my delegation is looking forward to  
reviewing the report to be submitted by the Secretary -  
General , as per paragraph 4 of General Assembly  
resolution A/77/111 , to the Assembly at its seventy -ninth  
session reviewing all the submissions of Member States  
and relevant observers, as well as views expressed in the  
debates of the Sixth Committee, since the sixty -second  
session of the Assembly and identifying possible  
convergences and divergences on the definition, scope  
and application of univers al jurisdiction for the  
consideration of the Committee μ

Chair,

5. Sierra Leone applies the universality principle in a limited  
scope. This is pursuant to the Geneva Conventions Act  
2012, which provides for offences and penalties for  
specific violations of the Geneva Conventions and their  
Additional Protocols . This covers offences committed by  
citizens of Sierra Leone or criminal conduct carried out  
on our territory , and also W R S H U V R Q V R I ´ Z K D



comment on the question 'RQ WKH UHOHYDQW HOH  
D ZRUNLQJ FRQFHSW RI XQLYHUVDO  
contained in operative paragraph 3 of the resolution  
A/77/111,



13. Part of the justice mechanisms efforts is the need to address the critical gap in the exercise of jurisdictions or lack thereof on sexual and gender -based crimes . In the view of the delegation of Sierra Leone, member States can start preparatory work collectively on universal jurisdiction codification for sexual and gender -based crimes. In essence , we cooperate as Member States to ensure access to justice, and consequently remedies

high interest to member States and the whole of the international community, reinforcing our international