

Mr. Chair

4. I wish to recall that agenda item 84, entitled "The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction", and was included in the agenda of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly (2009) at the request of the United Republic of Tanzania on behalf of the Group of African States following the thorough deliberations within the African Union.

5. While reiterating the pressing need to achieve consensus and understanding by the Member States on the foundation and scope of the principle of universal jurisdiction and for an in-depth legal analysis thereof, Tanzania calls for continued constructive discussion on this agenda item. During our discussion, we should also avoid the politicization of the principle of universal jurisdiction at the expense of State sovereignty.

6. In this regard, my delegation welcomes the General Assembly's decision to establish, at its seventy-ninth session, a working group of the Sixth Committee to continue to undertake a thorough discussion of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction and invited the relevant elements of a working concept of universal jurisdiction. The working group will be open to all member States, and we take this opportunity to encourage all member states to participate in the deliberations.

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