



States with the closest links to the crime have always jurisdictional priority in prosecuting offenses. This must be considered when drafting clauses related to the obligation to prosecute or extradite.

Before invoking universal jurisdiction and initiating an investigation, judicial authorities should ensure that no ongoing investigations are

international treaties and should be invoked only by States that are parties to such treaties.

To avoid the political misuse of this principle, it is crucial that the accused be physically present within the territory of the forum State.

Furthermore, universal jurisdiction must always respect fundamental principles of criminal law, including the prohibition of double jeopardy.

Mr./Madam Chair,

