

STATEMENT

Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations
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Thank you, Mr Chair.

The Philippines associates itself with the statement delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non- Aligned Movement.

We thank the Secretary General for his report to the Assembly reviewing the submissions of Member States and relevant observers as well as views expressed in the debates of the Sixth Committee identifying possible convergences and divergences on the definition, scope and application of universal jurisdiction.

as opposed to universal jurisdiction which allows States to assert jurisdiction over offenses or crimes outside its territory.

Universal jurisdiction, as a generally accepted principle of international law, is considered part of Philippine law, both through the incorporation clause of our Constitution and through the enactment in 2009 of the Philippine Act on Crimes against International Humanitarian Law, Genocide and Other Crimes Against Humanity under Republic Act 9851.

