

scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction

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My delegation has reflected its views and observations regarding

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The Islamic Republic of Iran expresses its concerns regarding the proclivity of few who tend to misuse universal jurisdiction as an arbitrary ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ pursuance of unjust political objectives in violation of the fundamental principles of international ~~law~~ ^{law}. The Islamic Republic of Iran, rejecting such unacceptable approaches, reiterates that the selective and politically-motivated application of universal jurisdiction would be detrimental to the attainment of the objective sought in establishing such ~~judicial~~ ^{judicial}, namely, ending impunity.

Also, in the application of universal jurisdiction that is to be invoked on the ~~basis~~ ^{basis} of treaty frameworks to which the concerned states are parties, ~~due~~ ^{due} regard shall be had to the fundamental principles of sovereign ~~equality~~ ^{equality}, non-intervention, and territorial integrity. Such applications should not ~~encroach upon~~ ^{encroach upon} the principle of States sovereignty, as the hallmark of international relations, and the principle of immunity of State officials, which is a significant manifestation thereof.

In sum, the Islamic Republic of Iran views universal jurisdiction as a treaty-based exception in exercising national criminal jurisdiction. In other words, the prevailing principle remains to be the principle of territorial jurisdiction 655.9 Tm 0.137 0.122 0.122 rg 0.13