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The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, and with reference to the note verbale no. LA/COD/59/1 dated 27 December 2023 regarding the invitation to

- 1- The position of Egypt in international law is derived from its previous submissions and judicial decisions, which are the basis of its position in previous sessions.
- 2- Egypt perceives the principles of universality to be only exceptions to the jurisdiction of competent national courts, which have the primary jurisdiction over crimes occurring within their respective territories.
- 3- Thus, the application of the principle of universality is limited to instances where the state of primary jurisdiction is unable or unable to exercise jurisdiction. Furthermore, such use of the principle should be conducted in an independent, impartial and a political manner, without abuse. Application of such principle shall also be subject to the principles of international law, such as the protection of state sovereignty, non-intervention in internal affairs, as well as the rules governing sovereignty.
- 4- Egyptian law recognizes state responsibility over acts committed within its territory. Principles of jurisdiction are regulated by Egyptian law to maintain public order.