

Statement of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria

*“The Scope and Application of the Principle of Universal
Jurisdiction”*

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Mr. Chairman,

I would like to thank the Secretary-General for his annual report on ‘The Scope and Application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction’, which provides specific information on this matter on the basis of relevant domestic legal rules and applicable international treaties and judicial practice.

principle, particularly when applied without due regard to the requirements of international justice and equality. In addition to the necessity of avoiding arbitrary universal jurisdiction, using this principle of exceptional character in pursuit of political agenda has to be rejected

whereby the African Union's Assembly expressed its concern about the selectivity, political motivation and abuse in the application of universal jurisdiction principle against African leaders, namely by some courts, such as the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Against this backdrop, we need to stress that universal jurisdiction should be exercised on the basis of good faith, with due respect to the basic principles of international law, including sovereign equality of States, political independence and non-interference in

placed, upon the request of the African group, as an agenda item of the General Assembly, entitled: "Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice on the consequences of legal obligations of States under different sources"