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Mme/Mr Chair,

At the international level, the ICC plays an important role in the fight against impunity for the most serious crimes. As a court of last resort, it seeks to complement, not replace, national courts. The ICC provides an avenue for prosecution when states do not exercise their jurisdiction.

Other bodies at the international level, such as the International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism (IIIM) for Syria, the Fact-Finding Mission for Myanmar (IIFFM), the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM) and UNITAD can play important roles in assisting criminal proceedings at the international, regional or national level that have or may have, jurisdiction in the future. The role of these evidence investigative bodies and other possible future mechanisms, may also help shape the development of the application of the principle of universal jurisdiction.

The Nordic countries continue to follow this item with great interest and look forward to working with you and other delegations in the Sixth Committee and in other UN forums.

Thank you.