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Mr./Madam Chair,

The principle of universal jurisdiction enables States to exercise their criminal jurisdiction over a crime irrespective of the nationality of its perpetrator and its victim or of the place where the crime has been committed. Without prejudice to the right and obligation of States to investigate crimes and prosecute their perpetrators based on territoriality and personality, in some situations, universal jurisdiction remains the last viable path to ensure that impunity for the most serious crimes under international law does not exist anywhere in

study on this topic, the ILC can enable us to make progress in our discussions and to strip this legal issue of political considerations. It is time for this Committee to show its commitment to strengthening its interaction with the ILC. And after the ILC has FRQFOXGHG LWV ZRUN LW ZLOO EH XS WR WKLW & RPPLWW and consider any action that we would deem appropriate.