

**The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction**

**Oral report of the Chairman of the Working Group**

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**I. Introduction**

1. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/103 of 9 December 2011, the Sixth Committee decided, at its 1st meeting, on 8 October 2012, to establish a working group to continue to undertake a thorough discussion of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction. Pursuant to the same resolution, the Assembly decided that the Working Group shall be open to all Member States and that relevant observers to the General Assembly will be invited to participate in the work of the Working Group.





informal paper for discussion presented by the Chairman contained



Working Group's consideration of universal jurisdiction. The revised text contained a footnote denoting that other matters, namely civil aspects, were not disregarded, but that the focus of the Working Group was on universal



jurisdictional basis of last resort or whether the element sought to restrict





It is my sincere hope that in the future the Working Group will build further upon the work undertaken thus far.

Thank you.