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I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The Non-Aligned Movement continues to follow with high interest the agenda item 85 entitled “The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction”. The Movement reiterates its call upon all States to take this opportunity to reflect on this issue and consider its

Group requested the inclusion of this agenda item in the Sixth Committee to address the issue of

Universal jurisdiction provides a tool to prosecute the perpetrators of certain serious crimes under international treaties. Nonetheless, there are questions and controversies concerning universal jurisdiction, including the range of crimes falling under this jurisdiction as well as the conditions for its application. The Non-Aligned Movement is alarmed about the implications of the application of universal jurisdiction on the immunity of States officials and, consequently, on the sovereignty of the States concerned. The invocation of universal jurisdiction against some