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Mr Chairman,

Universal jurisdiction is a multifaceted issue with political, legal and diplomatic dimensions. The Chinese delegation believes that the discussions in the Sixth Committee in the recent years to clarify the scope and application of universal jurisdiction are of positive significance. During past deliberations and as reflected in the informal documents of working groups, member states fully exchanged views and shared information on this topic

judicial justice. However, member states had huge divergence on the applicability of universal jurisdiction and on the conditions required for jurisdiction in circumstances other than piracy. State practice and

This year marks the 10th consecutive year for the Sixth Committee to deliberate on universal jurisdiction. In view of the tremendous differences among member states on this topic and the dire prospects of reaching consensus in the near future, and also in view of the decision by the ILC at its 70th Session this year to include “Universal Criminal Jurisdiction” in its long-term work program, we suggest that member states seriously ponder on whether it is necessary to continue deliberations on this item in the Sixth Committee.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.