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1 Mr Chair, my delegation thanks the Secretary-General for his report on this agenda item.

2 of criminal jurisdiction, are well-known. We recognise that certain crimes are so heinous, and of such exceptional gravity, that their commission shocks the conscience of all humanity. The international community has a common interest and shared responsibility to combat such crimes and bring justice to the victims. My delegation would like to reiterate four key points:

(a) First, universal jurisdiction is not and should not be the primary basis for the exercise of criminal jurisdiction by States. The main responsibility for the exercise of criminal jurisdiction lies with the State in whose territory the crime has occurred, or the State of nationality of the alleged perpetrator. Universal jurisdiction should only be invoked as a last resort, in situations where no State is able or willing to exercise the other established bases of jurisdiction, including the territoriality and nationality principles.

(b) Second, the principle of universal jurisdiction should only be a20 G 141.62()ocw 1(p)-3(r G[re(i)4(v)-p G 141ct62()ocw4(e)8()-2)-p Gar4(d)4

