

**Information and Observations on the Scope and Application of the
Principle of Universal Jurisdiction**

The United States welcomes this opportunity to submit further

More frequently, legislation establishing broad U.S. criminal

jurisdiction can be traced to U.S. treaty obligations.³ For example, U.S.

Maritime Navigation.⁴

In two other well-known cases, although U.S. law would have permitted prosecution based solely on the principle of universality and the offender's presence in the United States, there were alternative bases for jurisdiction. For example, in 2008, a U.S. court convicted Chuckie Taylor, son of former Liberian president Charles Taylor, of torture and related crimes

example, the United States may appropriately defer asserting jurisdiction in favor of a state on whose territory the crime was committed, as such crimes injure the community where they have been perpetrated in particular the bulk-