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STATEMENT BY EGYPT ON BEHALF OF THE AFRICAN GROUP ON "THE SCOPE AND APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF

UNIVERSAL JURISDICTION"

Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to inform you, Mr. Chairman of the Commission, that the African Group has discussed agenda item 84 entitled "The Scope and Application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction"

The African Group thanks the Secretary-General for his report on ECHR (A/67/116). The Group looks forward to the work of the Commission in the Sixth Committee and the formation of a working group to be considered during this session.

Mr. Chairman,

As stated in decisions of the African High Commission, the African Group believes that universal jurisdiction is a principle of international law whose purpose is to ensure that individuals who commit grave crimes, such as war crimes and crimes against humanity, do not enjoy impunity and are brought to justice. In that regard, the African Group supports the work of the International Criminal Court and the International Commission on International Law. The African Group also supports the work of the African Union Commission and the African Union High Commission of Human Rights. The African Group also supports the work of the African Union Commission and the African Union High Commission of Human Rights. Furthermore, African States have adopted progressive human rights instruments, including optional protocols to the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, which provide for individual complaints and grievance procedures.

against their own governments in addition to existing obligations imposed by the

immunity of Heads of State under international law. Most specifically, the African Group reiterates the call by the African Heads of State and Government to impose a moratorium

