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Mr./Madam Chair,

I would like to start by thanking H.E. Ambassador Ulibarri of Costa Rica for the able manner in which he has chaired the working group on universal jurisdiction during the past few years. Norway also welcomes the Secretary-General's most recent report, which provides a valuable overview of national legislation on universal jurisdiction and also includes comments from observers such as the Council of Europe and the ICRC. In our view, this debate benefits from the open and inclusive approach, and the involvement of observer organisations.

The deliberations in the 6th Committee have revealed a united front against impunity. Norway remains convinced that universal jurisdiction is an important tool for ensuring that the most serious crimes do not go unpunished.

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