

**Statement by Ms. Pham Thi Thu Huong, Representative of Viet Nam  
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s that the principle of universal jurisdiction is an important instrument to combat international crimes and fight against impunity. The exercise of universal jurisdiction is to ensure that the perpetrators of those crimes must not go unpunished, thus contributing to the enforcement of international justice and promoting the rule of law. However, the improper application of universal jurisdiction may impair State sovereignty and go against general principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations. Therefore it is essential to define the concept and scope of the principle

of this principle, we would like to emphasize that universal jurisdiction should be applied in good faith, with much caution and within well-bounded legal framework in order to avoid any abuse that may go against the principle of the sovereign equality