



**Thank you Mr. Chairman,**

We thank the Secretary-General for his report A/72/112 on "The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction". The information provided in the Report on the laws and practice of certain States concerning the exercise of universal jurisdiction in their domestic legal systems and their understanding of the concept of universal jurisdiction, is useful.

**Mr. Chairman,**

India's position on this matter is governed by our firm belief that those who

commit crimes must be brought to justice and punished. A fugitive criminal should not be allowed to go unpunished because of procedural technicalities, including lack of jurisdiction.

However, the exercise of 'universal jurisdiction', in itself, remains a unique and complex legal subject.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The exercise of universal jurisdiction is a unique and complex legal subject.

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