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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation has, once again, the honour to speak on behalf of the African Group. The African Group associates itself with the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran speaking on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement. We take note of the report of the Secretary

The African Group attaches great importance to this agenda item **“The Scope and Application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction”**. As you may recall, the abuse in the resort to universal jurisdiction, particularly over African officials, caused the African Group to request in February 2009 the inclusion of an additional item on the abuse of the principle of universal jurisdiction on the agenda of the 63rd session of the United Nations General Assembly.

The African Group stated, in a memorandum annexed to the request for the

