



Allow me to thank you for affording us the floor.

South Africa takes note of the Secretary-General's report, which provides valuable insight into the manner in which universal jurisdiction is applied in various countries.

South Africa is particularly grateful to all the countries that have taken the time to provide written information on their interpretation and application of the

particularly beneficial in securing mutual legal assistance from states when carrying out prosecutions.

Challenges are equally encountered in the political sphere where universal jurisdiction is not uniformly applied and is often misused or abused.

Universal jurisdiction presents a challenge to

South Africa is of the view that it could prove to be very useful for the International Law Commission to conduct a study at a technical level which could aid in providing clarity on legal matters, particularly since it has already been placed on the Commission's