

Translated from Arabic

Annex to note verbale No. 26566 of April 2019 concerning General Assembly resolution 73/208, on the scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction

Observations of the State of Qatar on General Assembly resolution 73/208, on the scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction

1. Universal jurisdiction is a mechanism of the rule of law for ensuring equitable justice and combating impunity for serious crimes and violations of international humanitarian law and human rights. It helps uphold the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure that jurisdiction is exercised in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and applicable international law.

2. The State of Qatar has ratified a number of international conventions and treaties related to universal jurisdiction, including the Arab Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, and has taken the necessary measures to assert jurisdiction over the criminal acts established in accordance with article 14 of the Convention,* the four Geneva Conventions of 1949, the Convention against Torture and the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

3. The Qatari laws related to universal jurisdiction include the following:

- (i) The Criminal Code, promulgated pursuant to Act No. 11 of 2004;
- (ii) Act No. 3 of 2004, on countering terrorism;
- (iii) The Prevention of Money-Laundering and Financing of Terrorism Act, promulgated pursuant to Act No. 4 of 2010;
- (iv) Act No. 15 of 2011, on combating trafficking in persons.

* *Translator's note:* As in the Arabic.