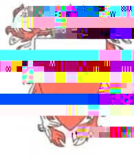


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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations compliments the Office of Legal Affairs for its letter of 10 January 2022, in which the Office of Legal Affairs, pursuant to the resolution 70/118 of 9 December 2015 of the General Assembly of the United Nations, has the honour to enclose herewith a copy of the letter of the Kingdom of Bahrain pursuant to the abovementioned resolution.

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain takes this opportunity to express its appreciation to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations for its assistance and support.

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Office of Legal Affairs
New York

Comments of the Kingdom of Bahrain on The Scope and Application of The Principle of Universal Jurisdiction Following General Assembly Resolution No. 76/118

Recalling United Nations General Assembly Resolution 76/118 of 9 December 2021 regarding “The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction”.

The Kingdom of Bahrain affirms that the principle of universal jurisdiction constitutes an essential element for the rule of law to ensure justice and end impunity for international crimes and grave violations of international law, to strengthen international peace and security based on rules of international order enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations.

Bahrain considers the principle of universal jurisdiction over serious crimes in violation of international law as a mechanism complementing the jurisdiction of the competent national courts, which have primary jurisdiction over crimes that occur within its territory.

Bahrain considers that the application of the principle of universal jurisdiction should be limited to cases in which the State with primary jurisdiction is unwilling or unable to exercise jurisdiction. Furthermore, applying the principle must be without prejudice to the right of the State with primary jurisdiction to exercise independent and impartial jurisdiction, without interference in the internal affairs of that State, and without prejudice to the principles of international law, customary international law, and special rules relating to sovereign and diplomatic immunity.

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