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COMMENTS

Thus, first recognized by the Geneva Conventions of 1949, the principle of universal jurisdiction will be taken up in various other conventions by the international community and States are invited to incorporate it into their domestic laws.

However, in order to minimise the risks of interference in the internal affairs of a state, the conditions for the exercise of this competence need to be rigorously specified in order to preserve the sovereignty, integrity and political independence of each state.

I- International conventions ratified by Togo

Togo has demonstrated its commitment to the principle of universal jurisdiction by ratifying the international conventions that have enshrined it. These include

Ø The Geneva Conventions of 1949

establish their jurisdiction over a crime of enforced disappearance when the alleged offender is present in any territory under its jurisdiction" (Article 9.2).

II- The rules of Togolese domestic law

In the domestic legal order, the new Togolese criminal code of November 2015 provides for provisions that allow Togolese courts to hear certain serious crimes

of the principle of universal jurisdiction should be organized and framed by the reform of the code of criminal procedure currently under way.