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Mr. / Madam Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of three countries belonging to the Slavkov trilateral format (S3): Austria, the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Mr. / Madam Chair,

Our delegations have stated, over the past years, that universal jurisdiction is an important jurisdictional basis for the prosecution of the most serious crimes under international law in cases where jurisdiction based on the principle of territoriality or personality cannot or will not be exercised. At the same time, universal jurisdiction is distinct from the

invite the ILC again to include the topic of universal jurisdiction in its short-term programme of work.

In the meantime, our delegations stand ready to engage constructively in discussions about universal jurisdiction in this Committee.

Thank you.