

STATEMENT DELIVERED BY THE DELEGATION OF ERITREA
SIXTH COMMITTEE
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AGENDA ITEM 84: "THE SCOPE AND APPLICATION OF THE
PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSAL JURISDICTION"

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These principles firmly provide sovereign equality, political independence, and territorial integrity, and non-interference in the internal affairs of States

Mr./madam Chair,

My delegation shares the serious concerns of the African Group regarding the manner in which the application of universal jurisdiction has been sought to be used and abused by foreign courts. It is illegal and unacceptable that certain States have been conveniently invoking criminal justice mechanisms to pursue their vested interests while evading any kind of accountability for crimes allegedly perpetrated by their nationals in other countries. This approach epitomizes the double standards and selectivity in the application of international justice. As highlighted in the