

Translated from Russian

The position of the Republic of Belarus on the issues of the scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction

The Republic of Belarus has consistently advocated for the need to ensure certainty of punishment for crimes committed and for the need to address impunity.

The Republic of Belarus is of the view that universal jurisdiction in the true sense of that term can be based only on the norms of international law, both the law of treaties (by means of criminalization in universal multilateral treaties) and customary law.

We believe that the criterion for universal jurisdiction to go into effect should be fairly clear: