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**Statement by the Delegation of Cuba on Agenda Item 85, Scope  
and Application of the Principle of Universal Jurisdiction,  
New York, 11 October 2017**

Mr. Chairman,

Our delegation endorses the statement by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and aligns itself with the statement of El Salvador on behalf of CELAC. We note the

Report of the Secretary-General, prepared on the basis of the

the United Nations, especially those of sovereign equality, political independence and the non-intervention in the States' internal affairs has paramount importance in the application of the principle of universal jurisdiction by national courts.

Universal jurisdiction should not be used to undermine the integrity and values of different current legal systems. This determines its exceptional and supplementary nature.

In this regard, Cuba considers that the application of the principle of

Notions should be established provided that its essential nature

supplementary nature is determined.

Given the nature of the principle of universal jurisdiction

crimes should be restricted to crimes against humanity and the  
principle of universal jurisdiction should only be used when it has