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On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement  
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I have the honour to deliver this statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.

While the Non-Aligned Movement continues to diligently follow agenda item 85 universal jurisdiction Movement also reiterates its call upon all States to seize this opportunity to consider its various aspects in order to identify its scope and limits of application as well as prevent any inappropriate resort to it.

Moreover, the Movement takes note of the Secretary-General's report contained in document A/77/

In this regard, the involvement of incumbent high-ranking officials should be addressed in conformity with international law. By invoking universal jurisdiction, the exercise of criminal jurisdiction by national courts over high-ranking officials who enjoy immunity under international law violates one of the most fundamental principles of international law, namely, the sovereignty of States.

The Movement therefore submits that the immunity of the States

Further clarification is also needed in order to prevent any misapplication or improper utilization of universal jurisdiction. The decisions and judgments of the International Court of Justice and the work of the International Law Commission are among the sources which might be useful in our discussions in the Sixth Committee. The Non-Aligned Movement cautions against the unwarranted expansion of the crimes under universal jurisdiction.

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We look forward to reaching our common goal of mutual respect,