



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

**STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 84
THE SCOPE AND APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSAL
JURISDICTION**

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Thank you Chair

1. Kenya aligns herself with the Statement delivered by the Representative of Uganda on behalf of the African Group and that delivered by the Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement.
2. We thank the Secretary General for his report contained in document A/78/130 which provides useful information on practices by Member States.

Chair,

3. Kenya reaffirms her firm commitment to the collective aims of this Organisation including; the rule of law and the sovereign equality of States, as espoused in objectives and principles of the United Nations Charter.
4. Following suit, jurisdiction for grave international crimes does not stop at national level but transcends into international levels out of necessity. The

utility of universal jurisdiction for