Sixth Committee
Working Group on the scope and application of the principle
of universal jurisdiction

Informal paper of the Working Group*

I. Agreements on methodology

1. Discussions will be conducted in the Sixth Committee, focusing on a set of
specific issues, in line with the content and mandate of resolution 65/33. The
potential role of the International Law Commission will be considered when
appropriate.


3. Discussions will be framed within reasonable limits.

4. Matters of context, overlapping and/or interaction among different issues will
be taken into account when appropriate.

5. Discussions will concentrate on legal matters.

6. When commenting on topics, delegations will consider:
   (a) International conventional law;
   (b) Customary international law;
   (c) National legislation;
   (d) National, regional and international court decisions;
   (e) Other frameworks and/or sources.

II. Issues for discussion

1. Definition of the concept of universal jurisdiction:
   (a) The role and purpose of universal jurisdiction;

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* The sources that may be taken into account and the issues for discussion constitute descriptive
and open lists, not prescriptive or closed ones. Delegations may add and build upon them.
2. Scope of universal jurisdiction:
   (a) Crimes under universal jurisdiction.

3. Application:
   (a) Conditions for application;
   (b) Criteria for exercising jurisdiction;
   (c) Procedural aspects;
   (d) Role of national judicial systems;
   (e) Interaction with other concepts of international law;
   (f) International assistance and cooperation.