

Statement by Mr. Solomon Korbieh (Ghana)

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/75/L.13 on behalf of the Bureau (“The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction” (item 87))

Mr. Chair,

I have the honour to introduce, on behalf of the Bureau, the draft resolution entitled “The scope and application of the principle of universal jurisdiction”, contained in document A/C.6/75/L.13.

The draft resolution is mostly a technical update of last year’s resolution. There is one change that goes beyond a pure technical update, which is the biennialization of the Working Group, following our discussions at the meetings of the Working Group held this session. I will address each change in turn.

The **second preambular paragraph** has been updated to include a reference to last year’s resolution, namely, General Assembly resolution 74/192 of 18 December 2019.

The **third preambular paragraph** has been updated to take into account the discussions held in the Sixth Committee on this item at the present session.

In **operative paragraph 2**, the Working Group was given the mandate to continue to undertake a thorough discussion of the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, during the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly.

Operative paragraph 3 again invites Member States and relevant observers to submit information on the scope and application of universal jurisdiction, and requests the Secretary-General to submit his annual report to the General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session.

Under **operative paragraph 5**, the General Assembly would decide to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-sixth session an item devoted to the topic.

Mr. Chair,

This concludes my introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/75/L.13 and I commend it to the Sixth Committee for adoption without a vote. I thank most sincerely all delegations for their support. Thank you, Mr. Chair.