



**Sixth Committee**  
**United Nations General Assembly 78<sup>th</sup> Session**

**Statement of Ireland on Agenda Item 84:**

**'Universal Jurisdiction'**

**Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs**  
**Colm Kelleher**

**1. Ireland has the honour to participate in the 64th session of the Sixth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, which is held in parallel with the 78th session of the General Assembly.**

**2. I would like to thank the Chair for his kind introduction and for his assurance that Ireland's views will be taken into account.**

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universal jurisdiction. This is a topic that has been on the Sixth Committee agenda for over a decade. With so much technical discussion, we can sometimes lose sight of the practical and concrete aspects of the subjects that we debate in this forum.

3. Today, more than ever, we must strive to ensure accountability for international crimes.

6. We welcome, nonetheless, the opportunity to hear about the practices and views of other states on this important principle. We agree, as the E.U. has said in its comments

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that the application of the principle of universal jurisdiction ought to be governed by

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