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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Joseph Deiss,
President of the 65th Session of the General Assembly,
on the attacks against United Nations Personnel**

Statement attributable to the Spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Joseph Deiss, has learned with shock and deep sadness about the violent attack against the United Nations Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) in Mazar-i-Sharif, on 1st April 2011, as well as the killing earlier this week of a United Nations Volunteer deployed in the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (ONUCI).

This is a great loss for the United Nations family.

The President of the General Assembly condemns in the strongest terms these attacks, during which staff members and nationals were killed and injured.

President Deiss reaffirms the support of the General Assembly to UNAMA and the people and Government of Afghanistan, as well to ONUCI and the people and Government of Côte d'Ivoire.

The President of the General Assembly expresses his heartfelt condolences and sends his prayers to the families of the victims.