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

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 suicide attack today against the United Nations House and staff in Abuja, the capital of Nigeria.

The President of the General Assembly condemns in the strongest terms this attack against the United Nations' presence in the country, which has led to a number of dead and many wounded. This is a great loss for the United Nations family.

The President of the General Assembly expresses his sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the victims and their families.