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**STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF ERITREA DURING THE SIXTH COMMITTEE 74th
SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON AGENDA ITEM 80:
"CONSIDERATION OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE PROTECTION, SECURITY
AND SAFETY OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES."**

Mr. Chair,

I would like to thank the UN Secretary-General for his report on the Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives. We take note of the recommendations.

Protection of diplomatic and consular missions and staff is a clear and sacrosanct requirement under international law, including the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. The convention allows them to focus on their work, in promoting peace and prosperity.

We continue to witness acts both by host governments that impede diplomatic missions from fulfilling their function. More importantly, we are witnessing violent criminals acts by non-state actors targeting diplomatic missions and their representatives. All countries must continue to take appropriate measures.

Eritrea condemns all acts that undermine the safety, security and function of diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives and urge member States to act in concert to ensure the protection of diplomatic missions and their staff.

Mr. Chair,

Diplomacy is the foundation of international cooperation for peace and development. Protection of diplomatic and consular missions and respecting the immunity of their members are not

privileges but to guarantee proper function relations among nations. It is for all our best interests to continue enhancing efforts at protecting diplomatic missions.

Eritrea attaches great importance to diplomacy as a tool for peaceful international cooperation. It strictly complies with the member's states obligation enshrined in the Vienna Conventions of 1961 and 1963. It continues to provide adequate measures to ensure the safety and security of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives based in Eritrea. It requests all countries hosting Eritrean diplomatic and consular mission to accord similar protection so that Eritrea's diplomatic personnel could fulfil their function free from obstruction, fear and harm.

I thank you, Mr. Chair