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**Mr. Chair,**

The delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea expresses its appreciation to the Chair of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country and the Committee for their proactive efforts to address concerns of the UN member states.

In addition, our delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf the Non-Aligned Movement, and would like to clarify its position on the report in its national capacity.

**Firstly**, the host country must fulfill its responsibility and obligations under the UN Headquarters Agreement and other international legal instruments including the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

As mentioned in the Report, the DPRK delegation strongly urged the United States to carry out a thorough investigation into the provocative case committed against a senior official of the DPRK permanent mission to the UN which occurred on April 29 and to take measures to prevent any recurrence respectively at the 293rd meeting on June 13 and the 294th meeting on October 2, 2019.

However, on September 11, the US permanent mission forwarded a notice to our Mission whereby it absurdly notified that the NYPD and the FBI had determined

there was no current threat from the incident without any sign of sincerity.

The United States is said to be proud of high-tech information gathering and investigation skills. However, the failure to bring light to the case of threat to the diplomat and a simple notice tantamount to a mere blank sheet of paper raise doubt that that the US may be behind the case.

My delegation take this opportunity to strongly urge the United States once again to hunt down the suspect, carry out a stringent investigation into the background of the case, inform of the investigation results and take measures to prevent such recurrence in collaboration with the relevant legal enforcement agencies.

As a dignified UN member state, we will never remain an onlooker on the act of infringing upon the security and safety of the officials of our Mission.

**Secondly**, the Committee on Relations with the Host Country should put in place stringent measures to make sure that the host country would abide by the UN Headquarters Agreement and other international legal instruments related to diplomatic relations.

In particular, the Committee should hold the United States accountable for the gravity of the case against a senior official of the DPRK permanent mission as well as its consequences.

In the same vein, the Committee should introduce strong practical measures to compel the host country to fulfill its obligations without fail rather than limit itself to recommending the host country to fulfill its obligations on the personal security, privileges and immunities of diplomats accredited to the UN.

I thank you.