



Statement by

**The Delegation of Indonesia
at the Sixth Committee of the General Assembly**

on

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Mr. Chairman,

Indonesia would like to associate itself to the statement delivered by the distinguished representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

We welcome the work of the Committee under your chairmanship and appreciate the Report presented before us.

My delegation takes note with concern of the issues discussed within the Committee, specifically on the consideration of and recommendations on issues arising in connection with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, which mainly in the forms of (a) Non-issuance of entry visas, and (b) Travel restriction.

We wish to stress the utmost importance of ensuring the implementation of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and Headquarters Agreement between the United Nations and the United States.

My delegation would like to reiterates that, with reference to Article 47 of the Convention, the receiving State shall not discriminate as between States in applying the provisions of the present Convention.

Furthermore, section 11 of the Agreement also specifies that the federal, state or local authorities of the Host Country shall not impose any impediments to transit to or from the UN headquarters district of representatives of, among others, Members States or officials of the United Nations, or of specialized agencies.

Any discriminatory approach will not contribute to our effort to nurture friendly relations among nations which go against the letter and spirit of the Charter.

Mr. Chairman,

In this regard, Indonesia fervently hopes that such challenges could be addressed as swiftly as possible in a constructive manner, in line with international law.

My delegation strongly supports the engagement of the Secretary-General through the Office of Legal Affairs in those matters.

To conclude, we therefore encourage the host country, concerned countries and the Secretary General, to continuously make their efforts in finding solution on this pertinent matter.

I thank you.
