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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Fellow delegates, issues related to the Host Country have been on the minds of all of you in this session, more than in prior sessions. We at the US Mission, and in particular my colleagues in the Host Country Section, strive to do everything we can to fulfill the obligations of the United States under the Headquarters Agreement. We are well aware that in the view of some of you, the United States has fallen short.

I won't go through the US views on the complaints against the United States, which have been lodged against us during this debate and at the Host Country Committee. The Report of the Host Country Committee contains in detail the position of the United States on all of the issues raised at the meetings of that Committee. And we have stated our views on Host Country matters earlier in this session, in connection with the adoption of the Program of Work the Sixth Committee. We have listened, we have engaged, and we have taken your concerns seriously.

The United States is pleased that the Host Country Committee adopted by consensus the recommendations that appear at the end of the report. This was accomplished through intensive negotiations among the Members of the Committee, where we were able to reach a consensus outcome. Going forward, we are committed to continue to engage robustly on all matters related to the Host Country, including with respect to those recommendations.

We hope that the Sixth Committee will continue to follow its prior practice, which is to fold the recommendations of the Host Country Committee into its own resolution, and to adopt that resolution by consensus.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to particularly thank the Legal Counsel, Under Secretary General for Legal Affairs, Mr. Miguel de Serpa Soares, the Deputy Legal Counsel, Assistant Secretary General for Legal Affairs Mr. Stephen Mathias, and the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Surya Sinha, for their valuable support of the Host Country Committee. I would also like to thank the Chair of the Committee, Ambassador Andreas Mavroyiannis of Cyprus, who recently returned to New York and is now serving as Chair for the second time, who so ably handled the challenging issues presented during the past several months, as well as his talented team.

In conclusion, the United States is honored to have the privilege of hosting the United Nations in this great city of New York. We do not take our responsibilities lightly. We know that in this capacity, as Host Country to this essential international organization, we have a special responsibility to each and every person in this room, to each and every delegate in the Halls of the United Nations, and to all of the international civil servants at the United Nations.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.