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**On item 82: Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection and safety of  
diplomatic and consular missions of representative**

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**the United Nations General Assembly**

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Chair,

My delegation associates itself with the statements delivered by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of NAM and Venezuela on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defense of the UN Charter.

Chair,

I wish to thank the United Nations Secretary General for providing us with a summary of the reports received and views expressed in accordance with paragraphs 11 and 13 of General Assembly resolution 75/139. The reporting procedures established pursuant to GA resolution 35/168 and further elaborated in subsequent assembly resolutions is indicative of the importance of the role the UN plays in the promotion of efforts/steps to enhance the protection, security, and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

Chair,

Eritrea as a state party to the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the Vienna Conventions on Consular Relations of 1963 attaches great importance to the fulfillment of the obligations set out in the two instruments by all, in order not only to ensure the smooth functioning of diplomatic and consular duties in the receiving states, but also in the promotion of better and friendly relations among states.

We have noted with grave concern serious breaches of international law in many countries around the world which put the security and safety of diplomatic and consular representatives at risk. My delegation calls for the strict adherence to the respect, implementation and enforcement of all the principles and norms of international law with respect to the inviolability of the premises of diplomatic and consular missions and duly accredited international organizations.

Chair,

We also note with concern serious impediments brought about by the imposition of unilateral coercive measures, including restriction of full banking services, on the effective diplomatic and consular functioning of several affected states. Unilateral coercive measures and legislation are contrary to international law, the United Nations Charter and the norms and principles governing peaceful relations among States. These aggressive illegal measures pursued as a foreign policy by some powerful states against other member states must be removed immediately in order for diplomatic and consular missions to fully and effectively discharge their duties and responsibilities consistent with the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Conventions on Consular Relations and other relevant instruments.

Finally, I wish to echo the calls made on all states to closely cooperate on taking appropriate preventive and practical measures to address in a timely and adequate manner all serious violations of immunities to ensure a safe and secure environment enabling all diplomatic and consular missions and their personnel to carry out their mandates and duties free from fear and harm.

I thank you, Chair