

**Statement by the Republic of Türkiye  
on Agenda Item 82  
(Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of  
diplomatic and consular missions and representatives)  
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Mr. Chair,

We thank the Secretary-General for his latest report on the consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives.

Respect for the rules of international law governing diplomatic and consular relations is a fundamental prerequisite for fulfilling the goals that we have set when establishing this organization, particularly that of developing and strengthening friendly relations and cooperation among States. This body of rules is firmly established on the principle of sovereign equality of States enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, and serves as a test to assess the effective and loyal implementation of this principle.

Diplomatic and consular missions must be able to function with full protection, safety and security. This is absolutely necessary to preserve the delicate system of international relations that connects and binds us. It is also crucial for States to be able to protect their rights and interests, as well as those of their citizens, in line with the fundamental principles of international law and relations.

Unfortunately, as the latest report of the Secretary-General demonstrates, threats and attacks against diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives continue around the world. Türkiye is also one of those countries whose missions and representatives were targeted in different ways during the reporting period. We condemn all such acts and attacks against diplomatic and consular missions.

We would like to emphasize once again the duty of States to take all appropriate measures in line with international law for the protection of diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives. It should be highlighted that responsibility in this regard lies primarily with the host country or with the State to which representatives are accredited. Those States must not only take the necessary measures to discharge this obligation, but must do so in a timely manner. This also entails putting in place effective preventive measures, in due consideration of threat assessments conveyed by the relevant missions.

We continue to support the reporting system provided for in the biennial resolution that is adopted under this agenda item, and encourage all States to convey information on incidents that may constitute serious violations of the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular

missions and representatives. It is also important for States to continue sharing information and views with respect to any measures needed or already taken to enhance the protection, security and safety of such missions and their representatives, including information on proceedings undertaken to bring offenders to justice and on the final outcome of those proceedings.

On the other hand, in order to preserve the integrity of the universally accepted body of rules that govern diplomatic and consular relations, it is also imperative that diplomatic and consular premises are not used in any manner incompatible with the functions of these missions, and that those who enjoy privileges and immunities respect the laws and regulations of the receiving State.

Mr. Chair,

As a country that has lost many diplomats to assassinations committed by terrorist organizations and other violent groups in third countries, this topic carries a special weight for Türkiye. Indeed, Türkiye lent its full support to the inclusion of this item in the General Assembly's agenda back in 1980, when such attacks had already taken the lives of 15 innocent members of our diplomatic service.

We take this opportunity to honor with respect the memory of our diplomats and their family members who have been victims of these heinous and despicable attacks, and express our strongest condemnation of all such attacks, as well as of any attempts to glorify their perpetrators.

Thank you.