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Mr. Chairperson,

The inviolability of diplomatic and consular missions and the special duty to protect them is one of the cornerstones of international relations. Israel thanks the Secretary General for his latest report and for his commitment to developing effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

Terrorism is an ever-present threat from which no one is immune. Israeli missions and diplomats have long since been targets of terrorist attacks, including State-sponsored terror activity. Regrettably, Israeli diplomats continue to be targeted by such heinous plots around the world.

Israel strongly believes that the international nature of these hateful crimes requires an effective and resolute international response. We call upon the international community to cooperate closely on the operational and legal levels and with regards to intelligence sharing, in order to provide the utmost protection for all diplomatic and consular missions and representatives. We also urge Member States to strongly condemn and take necessary action against States that support terror attacks against diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

Israel refers to the commitment of receiving States under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961, the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963, and all other relevant instruments of international law providing protection for diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

We urge the international community as a whole, to cooperate closely to ensure a safe international environment, which will allow diplomatic and consular missions and representatives to carry out their essential duties safely and accomplish their official tasks