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Mr. Chairman,

The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) underlines the obligation of all States to ensure the security and safety of the members and premises of diplomatic and consular missions as well as their inviolability in accordance with international law, the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations as well as relevant UN General Assembly resolutions

The Movement urges States to take every measure necessary to secure the implementation of the rules of international law governing diplomatic relations and in particular, to take all necessary measures in conformity with their international obligations effectively to ensure the protection, security and safety of all diplomatic and consular missions as well as representatives officially present in the territory under their jurisdiction, including particular measures to prohibit in their territories

The NAM expresses its concern regarding the continued violation of and failure to respect the inviolability of diplomatic and consular missions as well as representatives, including the serious threat presented by such violations to the maintenance of normal and peaceful international relations which are necessary for cooperation among States

While placing emphasis on the sanctity of the diplomatic status of all foreign representatives before receiving States, the NAM also urges all States to take all appropriate measures in order to avoid the use of this position as well as diplomatic and consular premises in violation of relevant international law as well as internal laws and regulations of receiving States.

The Movement urges States to co-operate closely, inter alia through contacts between the diplomatic and consular missions and the receiving State. In this regard, the Movement encourages States to design practical measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives as well as to exchange information on the circumstances of all serious violations thereof. In cases where a dispute arises in connection with a violation of the principles and rules of international law concerning the inviolability of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, the Movement encourages the concerned States to make use of the means for the peaceful settlement of disputes appropriately

The NAM, while expressing its sympathy for the victims of illegal acts committed against diplomatic and consular representatives and missions as well as against representatives and missions to international intergovernmental organizations and officials of such organizations, in addition those who are affected by the misconduct of the holders of immunities and privileges, urges that where appropriate and applicable all victims and affected persons be compensated.

The NAM also underlines the critical role of the host countries of the United Nations Headquarters and Offices in preserving multilateralism and facilitating multilateral diplomacy along with inter-governmental norm-making processes. Furthermore, the Movement calls upon all States which host the United Nations Headquarters and Offices to facilitate the presence of the representatives of the Member States in the relevant meetings of the United Nations in accordance with their obligations under the related Headquarters Agreements and the Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations. Last but not least, it recalls that the provisions of the Headquarters Agreement shall be applicable irrespective of the bilateral relations existing between the Governments and the Host Country.

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