



## **United Nations General Assembly | Sixth Committee**

### **Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (Agenda item 82)**

Madam/Mister Chair,

Diplomatic and consular immunities lie at the core of international law, since they protect the channels through which States can dialogue, cooperate and peacefully settle disputes. In thanking the Secretary-General for his latest report under this agenda item, my delegation notes with concern the increased number of reported incidents. As recognized in the preamble of both 1961 and 1963 Vienna Conventions, the respect for rules and principles governing diplomatic and consular relations is of paramount importance to develop and strengthen friendly relations among States.

all times "wherever they may be". As clarified by the International Court of Justice and stressed in the case law of both national courts and arbitral tribunals applying international law, this inviolability is absolute. Additionally, the Conventions also recognize the inviolability of official correspondence and clearly establish the receiving State's duty to enable free communication of diplomatic and consular missions for all official purposes. These treaties clearly acknowledge that, in order to communicate with their headquarters or other posts, diplomatic and consular missions may employ "all appropriate means". These essential safeguards must be upheld by all branches of government: Executive, Legislative and Judicial.

Madam/Mister Chair,

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