

Sixth Committee, 78th Session of the UNGA
Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/78/L.11 on Host Country Committee

I have the honour to introduce the draft resolution under agenda item 161, entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country", as contained in document A/C.6/78/L.11, on behalf of Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire and my own country Cyprus.

The draft resolution is based on resolution 77/14 adopted last year, with the necessary technical updates, and incorporates all new elements in the text of Chapter IV "Recommendations and Conclusions", as contained in paragraph 16 of the Report of the Host Country Committee (A/78/3).

I will now address the following major changes which were made to the draft resolution.

In operative Paragraph 2, the new language notes the serious concerns raised by a Member State expressing the inappropriate treatment and screening of certain of its banking officials by the Host Country and requests the Host Country to carefully investigate these concerns and take the necessary preventive and remedial action, as appropriate.

In operative Paragraph 6, the new text notes the easing of travel restrictions on two Missions, while remaining concerned about the additional restrictions applied to one Mission in late 2022.

In Operative Paragraph 7, the new language notes a relative decrease in the percentage of visas not issued and in Operative Paragraph 8, the General Assembly expresses serious concern regarding multiple cases of denial and non-issuance of entry visas.

Operative Paragraph 10 has been amended so that the General Assembly expresses serious concern regarding the denial and non-issuance of entry visas to certain secretariat staff members of certain

the resourceful engagement of the Host Country and *once again* serious consideration and take any necessary steps and *intensify* efforts to *expedite*

Mr. Chair,

After the informal consultation held on 6 November, I conclude that the text reflects a consensus among delegations. For this reason, I recommend that the Sixth Committee adopt the draft resolution without a vote.

Once again, I would like to thank all the delegations for their constructive engagement during the negotiations.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.