



Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States

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Mr. Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Albania, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Armenia align themselves with this statement.

We thank the Committee on Relations with the Host Country for its report (9/26) on its activities conducted during the reporting period. In particular, we would like to thank Ambassador Emiliou of Cyprus for presiding over the work of the Committee during the past year, as well as the other members of the Bureau and the Secretariat staff for their support.

We express appreciation for the ongoing and sustained work of the Committee and we value its goal of serving as a technical forum to deal with many different issues pertaining to the activities of Permanent and Observer Missions to the EU and their staff. The Committee is essential in

Concerning the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, we express our appreciation to the host country for its continued efforts for the timely issuance of entry visas to representatives of Member States and observers and encourage any possible further improvement.

We consider that obtaining suitable banking services is indispensable for the effective functioning of Permanent Missions; in this connection, we welcome the continuing efforts made by the host country and note that General Assembly resolution 68/306 adopted by consensus on 9 September 2014 requested the Secretary General to report on several aspects and that the General Assembly remains seized of the matter and will keep it under review as appropriate.

We fully endorse the conclusions and recommendations formulated by the Committee in its report. We remain convinced that the Committee is an important body that assists the membership of the Organisation by providing a forum where matters of concern can be communicated to the host country and which facilitates dialogue between the parties in a manner geared towards addressing these issues both constructively and effectively. We favour further consideration by the Committee of measures to make its work more effective.

I thank you.