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Hosting Regional and International Organizations should be seen as an obligation and not as a right. It is an obligation that requires Host Countries to respect the Vienna Conventions. Host countries must and should protect diplomatic persons and missions. They should also facilitate and create a conducive enviromnent for the diplomats to perform their duties. Furthermore, Diplomats assigned to the African Union, and the United Nations as well as attending AU and UN sponsored meetings should not face targeted actions and intimidation. This behavior by any country that is hosting International or Regional Organizations should not be tolerated under any pretext or justification. The letter and sprit of the Vienna Conventions and Host Country Agreements must be fully respected.

In conclusion Mr. Chairman, it is imperative to have a safe working and living enviromnent that enables all diplomatic and consular missions and representatives to carry out their mandates and duties free from obstruction, fear and hann.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.