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Mr. Chairman

Afghanistan welcomes the consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives in the deliberations of the 6th Committee. This is an issue of great importance for the

development and enhancement of normal, cooperative and mutually beneficial diplomatic

relations between States in accordance with the UN Charter.

As such, diplomatic protection is part of a broad set of principles and rules of international law governing diplomatic and consular relations. That said, new and recurring acts of violence against diplomatic and consular representatives, and also of non-governmental organizations is condemnable in all regards, remains a grave concern, and undermines the normal functioning of relations between States.

Following the horrific attacks of September 11, 2001, the global community converged with

security forces responded jointly with German Special forces and suppressed the attack, which claimed the lives of 4 Afghans and injured more than 120 other Afghans.

In January, last year, terrorist were able to carry out an attack at the Governor's guest

