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5 We are concerned that, in recent months, the issuance of visas for diplomats attending UN meetings has become a political issue. We are also concerned that this issue will impact negatively on the work of different Main Committees. We cannot allow this issue to undermine the substantive work of the UN. We take note of the statement of the United Nations Legal Counsel, addressed to the Committee on 15 October 2019<sup>1</sup>, in which the Legal Counsel confirmed that the legal position of the United Nations regarding the host country's obligations on this issue remains unchanged from that provided by the then Legal Counsel to the Committee in 1982. We call on the host