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Deputy Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the UN Nations

On item 82: Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection and safety of [REDACTED]
diplomatic and consular missions of representative

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Chair,

My delegation associates itself with the statement made by the Islamic Republic of Iran on behalf of NAM and Venezuela on behalf of the Group of Friends in Defence of the UN Charter.

Chair,

I wish to thank the United Nations Secretary-General for providing with a summary of the reports received and views expressed in accordance with paragraphs 11 and 15 of General Assembly resolution 75/159. The reporting procedures established pursuant to the resolution 35/168 and further elaborated in subsequent assembly resolutions [REDACTED] of the role the UN plays in the promotion of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

Chair,

Eritrea as a state party to the Vienna Conventions on Consular Relations. In Diplomatic Note No. 1861 dated 17 August 1998, the Government of Eritrea expressed its concern over the fact that the obligations set out in the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations were not fully observed by all states in order not only to ensure the smooth functioning of diplomatic and consular duties in the receiving states, but also in the promotion of better and friendly relations among states.

We have noted with grave concern serious breaches of international law as well as many countries around the world which put the security and safety of diplomatic and consular representatives at risk. My delegation calls for the strict observance and full respect, implementation and enforcement of all the principles and norms of international law with respect to the inviolability of the premises of diplomatic and consular missions and duly accredited international organizations.

Chair,

We also note with concern serious impediments brought about by the use of unilateral coercive measures, including restrictions of full working services on the effective diplomatic and consular functioning of several other states. Unilateral coercive measures and legislation create a vacuum in international law, the United Nations Charter and the norms and principles governing peaceful actions among States. These aggressive illegal measures pursued as a foreign policy by some powerful states against other member states must be condemned, particularly, in view of the diplomatic and consular missions, which are closely associated with duties and responsibilities under the Vienna Conventions on Consular Relations and other relevant instruments.

Finally, I wish to thank the Chair for his kind cooperation with the Eritrean delegation in the preparation of this document. I would like to emphasize that the document is a preventive and practical one, aiming at ensuring that all relevant states, in an effort to prevent possible violations of international law, shall observe a safe and secure environment for their diplomatic and consular missions and their personnel to carry out their mandates without fear of any possible harm.

I thank you, Chair