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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to take the floor 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

Observer Missions to the UN and their staff. Via the Committee, the membership of the Organisation can communicate matters of concern to the Host Country so that they can be discussed in a spirit of mutual understanding and cooperation. We note with appreciation the ~~positive impact and efforts of the Committee to facilitate dialogue and solutions~~

Mr Chairman.

The European Union would also like to express its thanks to the Host Country for its efforts to help accommodate the needs, interests and requirements of the diplomatic community in New York in various areas. It acknowledges all the steps taken to resolve problems and difficulties that may arise and to promote mutual understanding between the diplomatic community, the

local authorities and the people of the city of New York.

We would like to ~~also~~ ~~stress~~ ~~the~~ ~~importance~~ ~~of~~ ~~appropriate~~ ~~conditions~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~delegations~~ ~~and~~ ~~missions~~