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**~~Agenda Item 84: Consideration of Effective Measures to Enhance the Protection~~**

**Security and Safety of Diplomatic and Consular Missions and Representatives**  
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. It is essential for the normal conduct of relations among states that the rules protecting the sanctity of ambassadors, other diplomats, and consular officials are respected. These rules enable such officials to carry out their vital functions.

~~It is also crucial to protect diplomats from harmful acts by non-state actors. In recent~~

Mr. Chairman, we appreciate the opportunity that this discussion affords to reemphasize the importance of these issues. The international community has a vital stake in the protection of