



**Statement on behalf of the European Union and its Member States
Ms. Simona Popan, Counsellor, Delegation of the European Union to the
United Nations**

at the Sixth Committee

on the Agenda item 82:

**"Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security
and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives"**

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Mr./Madam Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union and its Member States.

The Candidate Countries Montenegro , Serbia , Albania , and the Republic of Moldova, the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as Georgia, Andorra and Monaco.

Mr./Madam Chair,

We would like to thank the Secretary General for the last report (A/77/150). As evident from

any measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic are fully in line with the receiving State's obligations. We urge States to expeditiously amend any existing measures that are not compatible with the Vienna Conventions in order to bring their COVID-19 response into compliance with their international law obligations.

Mr./Madam Chair,

In closing, the European Union and its Member States condemn all breaches of the law of diplomatic and consular relations. We will continue to uphold the obligations under the two Vienna Conventions by supporting efforts to enhance the safety, security and inviolability of diplomatic and consular premises, and by protecting the freedom of communication belonging to such missions. We encourage all States to do the same, as respect for the rules and principles governing diplomatic and consular relations is essential for developing and strengthening friendly relations among States.

Thank you.