

Chair,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,

1. The delegation of Sierra Leone thanks the Secretary -General for his report *A/77/208* on the agenda item: " Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives

9. Host or receiving States have the duty to take all appropriate steps to protect diplomatic missions and consular premises . The host country's duty to protect diplomatic missions includes not only protecting them against violence and attacks , but also in illegal surveillance, recording and other forms of interference using remote , handheld, or other forms of advanced technology. Diplomatic and consular missions and representatives must benefit from robust receiving or host State protection based on the established international law obligations .

10. The other critical side of diplomatic protection is that persons enjoying such privileges and immunities are obliged to respect the regulations of the receiving State and maintain high standards of conduct. We do agree with the view that in addition to complying with the international law obligations, complementarity reduces the number of violations and enables diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives around the world to safely undertake their activities and complete their work .

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11. On our part, no serious violations have been committed with respect to the protection and security of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives accredited to Sierra Leone within the reporting period .

