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

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Chair,

My delegation associates itself with the statements 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 us 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 that resolution 35/168 and further elaborated in subsequent assemblies are a reflection of the importance of the role the UN plays in the promotion of human rights, the promotion, protection and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

Chair,

Eritrea as a state party to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, of the obligations set out in both instruments by all, 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 countries.

We have noted with growing concern the serious and widespread violations in 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, without exception, 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 imposition of unilateral coercive measures, including restriction of financial banking services, on the effective diplomatic and consular functioning of several states. Unilateral coercive measures and legislation are contrary to international law and the provisions of the Charter and the norms and principles governing peaceful relations among all States. These aggressive illegal measures pursued as a foreign policy by some powerful States against other vulnerable States not only are a violation of international law but also constitute a direct and indirect interference with the duties and responsibilities of diplomatic and consular missions and their personnel, which is inconsistent with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and other relevant instruments.

Finally, I wish to call the attention of all States to violations of international law, preventive and practical, which constitute a serious and deliberate interference with the functioning of consular missions and their personnel, thereby causing serious and direct harm.

I thank you, Chair.