

**Statement by the Republic of Türkiye
on 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. Chair,

We thank the Secretary-General for his latest report on the consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives.

Respect for the rules of international law governing diplomatic and consular relations is a fundamental prerequisite for fulfilling the goals that we have set when establishing this organization, particularly that of developing and strengthening friendly relations and cooperation among States. This body of rules is firmly established on the principle of sovereign equality of States enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations, and serves as a test to assess the effective and loyal implementation of this principle.

Unfortunately, as the latest report of the Secretary-General demonstrates, threats and attacks against diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives continue around the world. Türkiye is also one of those countries whose missions and representatives were targeted in different ways during the reporting period. We condemn all such acts and attacks against diplomatic and consular missions.

We would like to emphasize once again the duty of States to take all appropriate measures in line with international law for the protection of diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives. It should be highlighted that responsibility in this regard lies primarily with the host country or with the State to which representatives are accredited. Those States must not only take the necessary measures to discharge this obligation, but must do so in a timely manner. This also entails putting in place effective preventive measures, in due consideration of threat assessments conveyed by the relevant missions.

We continue to support the reporting system provided for in the biennial resolution that is adopted under this agenda item, and encourage all States to convey information on incidents that may constitute serious violations of the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular

missions and representatives. It is also important for States to continue sharing information and views with respect to any measures needed or already taken.