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Mr. Chairman,

1. At the outset, the Republic of Korea expresses its grave concerns over the unacceptable recent attacks and bouts of violence directed against both diplomatic and consular missions, as well as international organizations.
2. In this connection, my delegation would like to thank the Secretary-General for his report on consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security, and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, as contained in A/67/126.

Mr. Chairman,

3. Compliance with universally accepted principles of diplomatic and consular conventions is an absolute prerequisite for the functioning relation between states at the bilateral and international levels.
4. My delegation strongly condemns any and all violence directed against diplomatic and consular missions and personnel, as well as those against United Nations field offices and other international organizations.
5. In this regard, the Republic of Korea would like to recall that the receiving states are under a special duty to protect diplomatic and consular mission against any intrusion or damage under the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations.

Finally Mr. Chairman,

6. I would like to conclude by reiterating that my Government is fully committed to upholding and protecting internationally agreed-upon obligations as contained in international law, including the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations with a view towards protecting the essential work of all diplomatic and consular missions and their staff.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman