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**Mr. Chairman,**

At the outset, I would like to express our appreciation to 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" (A/69/185).

I seize also this opportunity to remind you that Algeria has condemned the latest terrorist attacks against the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). These attacks bring the total number of casualties since the 1st of July 2013 to 31 peacekeepers killed and 91 wounded.

My delegation would like to convey its deepest and sincere condolences to the families of the fallen peacekeepers as well as to their Governments and wishes a speedy recovery to the wounded.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Algeria strongly condemns all and any act of violence against diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives, as well as, those directed against missions and representatives of the United Nations and all other international organizations.

We firmly believe that the respect for the universally accepted principles governing diplomatic and consular relations is an absolute prerequisite for the normal conduct of relations among States and for the fulfillment of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

We may recall also that the receiving State is under a special duty to protect diplomatic and consular missions against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of these missions or impairment of their dignity.

In this regard, my delegation would like to reiterate, once more, its commitment to fully bind by its obligations, under the international law, particularly, the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations, and to provide the appropriate level of protection and security to the diplomatic and consular missions accredited in Algeria and to their staff.

Furthermore, my country advocates for a close cooperation with regard to practical and preventive measures designed to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, as well as, a prompt and timely exchange of information on the circumstances of the occurrence of violations.

**Mr. Chairman,**

During the recent years, and in the turmoil of the armed conflict and the rise of international terrorism, we witnessed many violent attacks against the diplomatic and consular missions, representatives and officials of the sending States. Algerian premises and diplomats were not spared by these attacks; and I take this opportunity to pay a special tribute to two Algerian diplomats, our consul in Gao (Mali) and his deputy, who lost their lives during their detention by a terrorist group.

Such acts, which go beyond the issue of privileges and immunities of diplomats and touch their very life, should bring together all Member States and the international community in order to enforce the appropriate measures at the national and international levels to prevent such threats and to ensure that those acts are fully investigated and the perpetrators brought to justice.

I thank you.