



STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

Agenda item 167: Introduction of Draft Resolution A/C.6/70/L.14

Mr. Chairman,

In my national capacity as Permanent Representative of Cyprus, I have the honor to introduce draft resolution A/C.6/70/L.14, on the Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, on behalf of its sponsors: Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire and Cyprus.

In the process of preparing the draft, the content of this year's Report of the Committee, which bears symbol A/70/26, as well as the views of the members of Member States have been taken into account. On 5th November 2015 the draft was circulated to delegates for their consideration ahead of informal consultations held on 10th November 2015. Further to the convening of informal consultations, a second version of the draft was placed under silence procedure on the 11th of November. Following the lapse of this procedure the draft resolution was submitted for processing.

This year's draft resolution endorses the Recommendations and Conclusions of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, as contained in paragraph 28 of its Report. The draft, inter alia, also:

- Recalls the legal basis upon which all relevant issues should continue to be addressed,
- Expresses appreciation for the efforts made by the host country, and expects that issues raised will continue to be resolved in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law;
- Underlines the importance of observing the privileges and immunities of the missions accredited to the United Nations,
- Notes that it will remain seized of the Parking Programme for Diplomatic Vehicles, with a view to continuing to maintain its proper implementation,
- Requests the host country to consider removing the remaining travel restrictions imposed on staff of certain missions and Secretariat staff of certain nationalities,
- Notes the concerns expressed by some delegations concerning the denial and delay of entry visas to representatives of Member States; and, in this connection,
- Notes the anticipation of the Committee that the host country will continue to enhance its efforts to ensure the issuance of entry visas to representatives of member States and in a timely manner,
- Notes progress with regards to the provision of suitable banking services to all Permanent Missions and welcomes continued efforts of the host country to this end.
- Requests the Committee to continue its work in conformity with its founding resolution and, in this framework, to continue considering additional appropriate measures to enhance its work and effectiveness.

I am pleased, Mr. Chairman, to submit this draft resolution for your consideration and express the hope that it will be adopted by consensus.