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I would like to express our appreciation to the Secretary-General for his reports on “Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives” (A/71/130 and A/71/130/Add.1).

Distinguished delegates,

Algeria strongly condemns all and any act of violence against diplomatic and consular missions and representatives. We firmly believe that it is an absolute prerequisite to respect the principles governing the diplomatic and consular relations universally accepted. This is crucial for the normal conduct of States relationships, and for the fulfillment of the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.

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.

Distinguished delegates,

My delegation would like to reiterate its commitment to fully respect its obligations under the international law, particularly the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations.

In this regard, Algeria is committed to provide necessary measures of protection and security to diplomatic and consular missions accredited in Algeria and to their staff.

Distinguished delegates,

During the past years, we witnessed around the world many violent attacks against diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives. Algeria condemns with the strongest words these attacks, from which Algerian premises and diplomats were not spared.

Some years ago, on our National Day celebration, one of our General Consulates, besieged by a number of demonstrators, was subject to unacceptable violations. It culminated by the condemnable act of one of the assailant, who climbed up to the top of

the consular premises and removed our National Flag. This act occurred in the presence of security forces of the receiving State.

More dramatically, in some other parts of the world, Algerian diplomats have been taken hostage by terrorists, others have even been assassinated. We would like to pay tribute to them and to all diplomats who lost their lives while serving their homelands.

Distinguished delegates,

We shall ensure that such acts that violate international law, in particular Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations, are fully investigated and perpetrators brought to justice and properly sentenced.

We call for a prompt transmission of information, by the receiving to sending State, on the circumstances of the violations occurrence. Eventual legal prosecutions against perpetrators shall also be shared with sending State.

It is imperative that receiving State take effective measures to prevent recurrence of such acts.

I want to recall that Algeria advocates for a close cooperation and sharing of information between Member States concerning practical and preventive measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

In conclusion, my delegation would like to pay tribute, once again, to all nations' fallen diplomats while on the noble and peaceful duty of diplomacy.

I thank you.