



## **Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations New York**

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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. Chairman,

Thank you for giving me the floor. My delegation aligns itself with statements made by the distinguished Representative of South Africa, on behalf of African Group and the distinguished Representative of Iran, on behalf of Non-Aligned Movement. I would like to also thank Secretary-General for his report on comments and information received from Governments regarding protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

The Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations of 1961 and 1963 has a great importance in protecting, securing and safe guarding diplomats and consular missions and representatives. The convention allows them to focus on their work, in promoting peace and prosperity. The privileges and immunities under this convention are not to benefit individuals but to guarantee proper function relations among nations.

Mr. Chairman,

In cases where regional or international organizations are hosted, the Hosted Countries should ensure the safety of diplomatic missions and persons in accordance with the Vienna conventions. Diplomats from the Sending State to attend multilateral forum and meetings should not face any form of targeting measurements and intimidation.

Mr. Chairman,

From Eritrea's stance it urges all Member states to follow the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular, to fully commit to the protection of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives. Eritrea expresses concern for those member states parties that violate the sanctity of diplomats and consular missions. It is for all our best interest to continue enhancing efforts to ensure peaceful cooperation of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

In final words, it is essential for diplomats and consular missions and representatives, that their function is facilitated with all appropriate measures according with international law and norms, so they can fulfill their mandates free from obstruction, fear and harm.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.