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**ON**  
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**AND CONSULAR MISSIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES**

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**Mr. Chairman,**

Allow me to start by thanking the Secretary General for his report contained in document A/71/130 entitled "consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives."

The agenda item under discussion is of critical importance to all of us. The protection of diplomats and the protection and inviolability of diplomatic and consular missions is the prerequisite for the maintenance of normal international relations which is necessary for friendly relation and cooperation among states.

Regrettably, though, violent incidents and attacks involving diplomatic and consular premises and government representatives continue to occur. My delegation strongly condemns these unacceptable attacks and violence.

**Mr. Chairman,**

Some of our missions and government representatives have been the subject of attacks by hooligans and extremists. We request the Governments hosting our missions, which were subjected to these senseless attacks, to take the necessary measures to hold the perpetrators of these crimes accountable. We demand full investigation to be carried out with a view to bringing the offenders to justice as well as to be informed of the outcome of the proceedings against the offenders. These host governments should adopt effective measures to prevent a repetition of such violations.

We have witnessed that, in some of these instances, not all the necessary support was provided. Not only is this a trend which can undermine good relations between countries, it is also a demonstration of the degree to which

international law governing inter-state relation are being undermined. Unless we abandon selectivity, we are unlikely to ensure regional and international peace and security.

**Mr. Chairman,**

The Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations clearly stipulates the inviolability of diplomatic missions and the persons of diplomats. Receiving states are also under special duty to take all appropriate steps to protect the premises of the mission against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of the mission or impairment of its dignity.

I would like to assure you that Ethiopia, as a seat of various international and regional organizations and diplomatic missions, considers these issues seriously and follow up the agenda item with particular interest. My government will always exert its best efforts to fulfill its obligation of protecting diplomatic and consular premises and government representatives.

Diplomatic Law has its foundation on the principle of reciprocity. Hence, Ethiopia expects its missions and representatives be accorded the same protection as it provides to the missions and representatives it hosts.

**I thank you!**

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