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Mr Chairman,

At the outset, the Chinese delegation would like to thank Ambassador Kornelios Korneliou, Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, for his report.

Over the past year, thanks to the joint efforts of the host country and other members of the Committee and under the leadership of Ambassador Nicholas Emiliou, Ambassador Konneliou and the Bureau, the Committee has played an important role in strengthening the host country's coordination and cooperation with the permanent missions to the UN, facilitating the proper functioning of the permanent missions and ensuring the enjoyment of the privileges, immunities and facilities by the permanent missions and their personnel. China commends these efforts of the Committee. We also thank the host country for its longstanding support for and cooperation with the Committee. We are grateful to the host country for all the facilities and assistance accorded to the permanent missions, including the permanent mission of China. We also wish to take this opportunity to thank the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat for its service to the

Committee.

Mr Chairman,

As a member of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, China attaches great importance to the work of the Committee. China remains committed to playing an active and constructive role in the Committee, making it a bridge between the host country and the permanent missions for the proper handling of host country-related matters. In the same breath, China also hopes that the host country will, in accordance with the UN Headquarters Agreement and pertinent international law, such as the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, and in light of the recommendations contained in the Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, perform its duties as host country in earnest, further strengthen its coordination and cooperation with the permanent missions and provide full support for the proper functioning of the permanent missions and the enjoyment of privileges, immunities and facilities by the permanent missions and their personnel.

Thank you, Mr Chairman.