## Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [agenda item 167] Facilitator's Remarks

## by Haris Chrysostomou (Republic of Cyprus) Sixth Committee, 9 November 2021

Madame Chairperson,

I have the honor to speak in my capacity as facilitator of this year's Resolution on the Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

I would like to inform you, Madame Chairperson, and the distinguished delegates, that I decided to circulate the zero draft resolution and to proceed with holding unofficial consultations well before the deadline of 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 that was set for submitting the final texts of the draft resolutions in the Sixth Committee. In the process of preparing the zero draft resolution, the content of this year's Report of the Committee (A/76/26), particularly its Part IV "Recommendations and conclusions", has been taken into account. The negotiations for the Recommendations and Conclusions text of this year's HCC Report proved to be more difficult than those of previous years, but eventually the Committee was able to reach a consensus text that strikes a delicate balance. For this reason, and out of respect of the agreement reached among the delegations in the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the exact language from Chapter IV (Recommendations & Conclusions) of the said Report has been transposed into the zero-draft resolution.

On 26 October 2021, the zero draft resolution was circulated to delegates for their consideration, ahead of the first informal consultations that were held virtually on 27 October 2021, from 1.15 to 2.45pm. Based on the discussion at the first informal meeting and having received written comments from a number of delegations, the facilitator circulated a revised draft resolution on 2 November 2021, along with an invitation to delegations to participate to the second informal meeting that was held virtually on 3 November 2021.

Following the second informal consultations, agreement *ad referendum* was reached on the draft text, which was circulated on a non-objection basis to all member states on 3 November 2021 until 5 November 2021, at 5.00 pm. Following the lapse of the silence procedure, the agreed text was submitted for processing on 5 November 2021.

I thank you.