Sixth Committee, 77th Session of the UNGA Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/77/L.14 on Host Country Committee Haris Chrysostomou (Cyprus)

Mr. Chair, dear colleagues,

I have the honour to introduce the draft resolution under agenda item 168, entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country", as contained in document A/C.6/77/L.14, on behalf of the sponsor delegations listed in that document.

The draft resolution is based on resolution 76/122 adopted last year, with the necessary technical updates, and reflects the changes in the text of Chapter IV "Recommendations and Conclusions", as contained in paragraph 144 of the Report of the Host Country Committee (A/77/26). The text of the draft resolution will be co-sponsored by Bulgaria, Canada, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire and Cyprus.

Allow me briefly to focus my remarks on new and amended parts of the text.

In Preambular Paragraph 3, the new language notes that bringing issues to the attention of the host country may in some cases help to have them expeditiously resolved.

In Operative Paragraph 2, the new text urges the host country to continue efforts to ensure that diplomats transiting to and from United Nations Headquarters are treated respectfully.

In Operative Paragraph 6, the new language recalls the stringent travel restrictions applied to a Mission in 2021 and additional restrictions applied to the same Mission in 2022.

In Operative Paragraph 15, the new text notes the discussions that have been formalized since 2019 between the United Nations Legal Counsel and the competent authorities of the host country regarding unresolved issues and the reports on the outcome of these discussions, and further notes with concern that issues still persist without resolution.

Mr. Chair,

After the informal consultation held on 7 November, I conclude that the text reflects a consensus among delegations. Once again, I would like to thank all the delegations for their constructive engagement during the negotiations.

For this reason, I recommend that the Sixth Committee adopt the draft resolution without a vote.

Thank you.