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Mr. / Madame Chair,

All acts of violence and attacks against diplomatic and consular missions as well as diplomats and consular officials should not be tolerated. The Government of Japan has attached importance to the discussions over measures to enhance the protection, security, and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

In this regard, Japan would like to underline that the receiving states shall give due respect to privileges and immunities that diplomatic and consular missions as well as diplomats and consular officials enjoy under the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations. The receiving states shall fulfill their obligations to take all appropriate steps to protect the premises of the mission against any intrusion or damage of diplomatic and consular missions and to prevent any attack on freedom or dignity of diplomats and consular officials.

In particular, the infringement of privileges and immunities that diplomats and consular officials enjoy under the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations can never be justified. The purpose of privileges and immunities provided to diplomats and consular officials is to ensure the efficient performance of the functions of diplomatic missions as representing States and consular posts on behalf of their respective States. We should recall, in particular that the personal inviolability of diplomats and consular officials is considered to be at the core of the principle of such privileges and immunities.

Compliance with the obligations under the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic and Consular Relations is a basic prerequisite for the normal conduct of diplomatic relations among States. The Government of Japan is committed to the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives. Japan would like to call upon all United Nations Member States to renew their commitment to protect diplomats and consular missions and representatives.

I thank you, Mr. / Madame Chair.