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In the name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

My delegation thanks the Chair of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country for presenting the report of the Committee. We also thank the Secretariat of the Committee for their support.

"The Committee on Relations with the Host Country" is a forum in which a full range of pertinent issues concerning the relationship between the Host Country and the UN could and should be discussed.

Mr. Chairman,

We regret that the Host country has not been able to pay heed to the call made by the GA with regard to the remaining travel restrictions it has imposed on the staff of certain Missions and its discriminatory regulations including by issuing one-time entry visas which hinders well-functioning of the Missions. It is important that the host country make necessary readjustment in this regard.

Furthermore, my delegation wishes to take this opportunity to put on record its concern about the application of discriminatory Secondary Screening procedures on diplomats from certain nationalities in airports during the journey to and from New York which undermines the respect

and dignity of state representatives and diplomatic community. We support the recommendation of the Host Committee which urges the host country to take appropriate action, with a view to maintaining respect for diplomatic privileges and immunities.

Finally, we note the report of the Committee contained in document A/72/26, in particular its recommendations and conclusions, which inter alia, urges the host country to address alleged