

REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE

STATEMENT

BY

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Mr. Chair,

1. My delegation would like to thank the Secretary General and the contributing States for the Report on "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives" .
2. Compliance with the principles and norms governing diplomatic and consular relations is essential to foster peaceful and friendly relations among States.
3. Regrettably, and as we can read from the Secretary General's Report, diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives , missions, and representatives to international organizations continue facing violent incidents and attacks. Despite the decreasing number of States reporting such incidents, from 15 in 2022 to 11 in 2024, which is worth noting, the matter remains of great concern .

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4. In this connection , we strongly condemn the violations of principles and norms governing diplomatic and consular relations . We urge all States to enhance , as required , their obligation of protection, security , and safety of those missions and representatives.

5. We express our solidarity with Colleagues, victims of such illegal acts.

Mr Chair,

6. From Article 29 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, it is clear that the personal inviolability of diplomats includes anything that is offensive to the dignity of their position. And I quote: "The receiving State shall treat him with due respect and shall take all appropriate steps to prevent any attack on his person, freedom or dignity". End of quote. The Vienna Convention also determines that this inviolability continues even in the event of armed conflict or breaking of diplomatic relations .

" In our view, the protection of the inviolability should also include practical measures to prevent and prohibit illegal activities of persons, groups, and organizations that call into question such inviolability.

9. As the United Nations and its Member States have been applying a positive partnership on this matter, the well-established practice of reporting to the Secretary-General, and the urgent response from the State in which the violation occurs has enabled improvements and compliance. We, therefore, encourage the consolidation of this good practice.

Mr Chair,

10. Regarding measures to enhance protection of diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives, we share the understanding that States must cooperate closely, mainly through the required and unconditional availability of the receiving State for contacts with the diplomatic and consular missions concerning practical measures, including those of a preventive nature, as well as the timely exchange of information on the circumstances of all serious violations.

11. To conclude , Mr. Chair, we reiterate the