

FORUM: Sixth Committee of the General Assembly

QUESTION OF: Consideration of Effective Measures to Enhance the Protection,  
Security and Safety of Diplomatic and Consular Missions and  
Representatives

MAIN SPONSOR: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

CO-SPONSORS: Russian Federation, Italian Republic, Republic of South Africa,  
People's Republic of China

SIXTH COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

*Emphasizing* a common need to maintain and encourage friendly diplomatic relations between member states in the form of diplomatic and consular missions and recognizing their crucial responsibility of promoting international cooperation,

*Expressing* its awareness of the vital nature of the adherence of said member states to international law and the UN's core principles in their practice of international relations,

*Reaffirming* the importance of the Vienna Conventions in regards to protecting diplomatic and consular missions and representatives as well as welcoming action taken in accord with resolution A/RES/71/145 adopted by the UNGA on December 13, 2016,

*Deeply disturbed* by violence against diplomatic missions and the failure of host states to act efficiently and effectively to protect said missions,

*Declaring* the special responsibility of host states to ensure the protection and safety of diplomats from other states when in their host country,

*Expecting* all members of a diplomatic mission abroad to adhere to the local law established in their host country and act with respect,

*Noting further* that the prevention of attacks on diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives shall be a priority for member states,

1. Affirming A/RES/71/145, strongly condemns acts of violence against diplomatic and consular missions,
2. Calls upon states to take an active role in the protection of diplomatic missions within their borders while adhering to international law pertaining to diplomatic and consular relations,
3. Requests that international cooperation in regard to the safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives be maintained as a globally enforced and celebrated standard, practised through communication, escorts, etc,
4. Expresses its hope that states will invest time into preventing any violence against diplomatic missions within their borders and to guarantee, with the moderation of the United Nations when necessary, that attempts of violence against diplomatic missions or officials not be taken lightly,
5. Urges states to involve and report to the Security Council with matters pertaining to severe transgressions in regard to the safety of diplomats abroad to aid in the process of understanding and expedite reform through:
  - a) Compliance of states with previous instances of failure to protect missions within their borders with increased observation and further consultation from the Security Council,
  - b) Implementation of comprehensive investigations of said incidents by host and mission countries and subsequent submission of an

investigation report to the Security Council.

6. Recommends the provision of training of diplomatic and consular workers as well an extensive planning for a case of emergency such as but not limited to:

- a) intrusion of premises,
- b) damages to property of diplomatic missions.