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SECURITY AND SAFETY OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS AND
REPRESENTATIVES

Bulgaria, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cape Verde,
Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Ethiopia, German Democratic Republic,
Hungary, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Madagascar,
Mongolia, Romania, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic,
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Viet Nam: draft
resolution

Twenty-fifth anniversary of the Vienna Convention on
Diplomatic Relations

The General Assembly,

Convinced that the development of diplomatic relations in accordance with norms of international law and the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter is an important factor in building confidence, developing co-operation among States and strengthening international peace and security,

Convinced that the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations has been widely recognized as the most authoritative universal international treaty codifying the norms of international law governing diplomatic relations,

Confirming the importance it attaches to the strict compliance by States with their obligations under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations,

Concerned at the same time about still persistent cases of non-compliance with obligations under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations,

Expressing a particular concern over the terrorist acts committed against diplomatic missions and representatives and over violations of their inviolability,

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Recalling that, in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, without prejudice to their privileges and immunities, it is the duty of all persons enjoying such privileges and immunities to respect the laws and regulations of the receiving State,

1. Reaffirms its conviction of the essential role which the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations has played over 25 years and will continue to play in promoting co-operation and understanding among States, in creating normal conditions for the activities of diplomatic missions and representatives and in the progressive development of international law in this field;

2. Notes with satisfaction that at present 149 States are parties to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations;

3. Recommends to States which have not yet become parties to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations to consider doing so at an early date;

4. Stresses the importance of the process of codification and progressive development of international law in the field of diplomatic relations;

5. Calls upon all States to observe strictly the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations in order to create an appropriate atmosphere essential for the normal discharge by diplomatic missions of their functions;

6. Urges all States to take effective action at national and international levels with a view to suppressing terrorist and other acts of violence against diplomatic missions and representatives and timely prosecuting the perpetrators of such acts as well as with a view, in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, to avoiding abuses of diplomatic privileges and immunities.
