



# Malaysia

Permanent Mission to the United Nations

**STATEMENT BY H.E. MR. CHEAH CHOONG KIT, REPRESENTATIVE OF MALAYSIA ON AGENDA ITEM 83: CONSIDERATION OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO ENHANCE THE PROTECTION, SECURITY AND SAFETY OF DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR MISSIONS AND REPRESENTATIVES AT THE SIXTH COMMITTEE OF THE 65<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, NEW YORK, 18 OCTOBER 2010**

Madam Chair,

Malaysia thanks the Secretary General for his Report contained in document A/65/112 in fulfillment of General Assembly resolution 63/126 of 11 December 2008.

2. Malaysia notes that 17 Members States have submitted their reports on severe violations of the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives as well as missions and representatives with diplomatic status to international governmental organisations. Similarly, Malaysia notes that 8 Member States had responded to the Secretary-General concerning any measures needed or already taken to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives as well as missions and representatives with diplomatic status to international governmental organisations.

3. With 104 Missions and representations in 87 countries, Malaysia has always supported and emphasized the responsibility of Host Countries to accord appropriate safety and protection to diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives. We note that in this past year, Malaysia encountered incidents in 2 missions. Fortunately, we were able to rely on the Host Countries to step-up and provide the necessary assistance to Malaysia's diplomats and staff. In both cases, Malaysia was satisfied with the way in which the matter was settled through bilateral discussions and in the spirit of goodwill and cooperation. As a result, Malaysia has had no reason to officially take up these matters with the international community.

4. The Government of Malaysia reiterates its commitment in safeguarding the security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives as well as that of missions and representatives with diplomatic status to international intergovernmental organizations. Malaysia will continue to use its best efforts to provide the necessary protection for the safety of foreign missions and representatives in its territory and ensure any serious violations are dealt with in accordance with its laws.

Thank you, Madam Chair.