Mr. President,

India is a State Party to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents, of 1973.

We strongly believe that crimes against diplomatic agents and other internationally protected persons, jeopardizing the safety of these persons, create a serious threat to the maintenance of normal international relations which are necessary for co-operation among States.

We take our obligations under this Convention with utmost seriousness and call upon all States Parties to comply fully with the provisions of the Convention, in letter and spirit.

India has been a victim of terrorism for decades. We condemn terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, and we have been in the forefront of global actions on counter-terrorism. Our tireless efforts as Chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, established under Security Council Resolution 1373, have resulted in the UN adopting a ‘zero tolerance’ approach towards terrorism. We urge all UN member-states to strive for the strict implementation of this approach.

Mr. President,

However, we have abstained today on the resolution, as its substance deals with a specific case in which we are not in the possession of full facts and the matter is sub-judice.

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