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Mr. Chair,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Council and its members.

The Candidate Countries the former Yugoslavia*, Serbia*, the countries of the Balkans, Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Association for Progress and Prosperity, are invited to make this statement.

We thank the Committee for the activities conducted during the reporting period.

We would also like to thank Ambassador Emilio G. Sison for his leadership of the Committee during its first year, as well as the staff of the Department of State.

The EU and its Member States have been active in the work of the Committee to ensure that the Observer Missions to the United Nations and the diplomatic community may meet, in full compliance with applicable international law and the Headquarters Agreement with the United Nations and the host country.

At the outset, we appreciate the efforts and efforts to help accommodate the needs, interests and requirements of the European Community in New York, resolve any outstanding issues and promote mutual understanding between the diplomatic community and the people of the city of New York.

The Committee deals with a variety of issues and its staff, through their practical and professional work, preserving the legal régime that defines the status of the United Nations and fulfills the rights and obligations of diplomatic agents.

We consider the assistance of the Committee of great importance. In this regard, it is our hope that the international community, particularly the United States, will continue to support the work of the Committee.

* The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.

host country, the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations.

Concerning the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America, we would like to express our appreciation to the host country for its continued cooperation and support.

Considering the importance of the Agreement for the effective functioning of the Organisation, we remain committed to its implementation in this regard.

To conclude, we would like to express our appreciation to the Committee on the Peacekeeping Operations for its continued assistance to the membership of the Organisation by providing the necessary information and support. We remain committed to its implementation in this regard.

Thank you.