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The Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations presents its compliments to His Excellency the United Nations Secretary-General and has the honour to refer to His Excellency's letter (LA/COD/4), concerning General Assembly Resolution A/RES/61/31 of 4 December 2006, which is contained in the report of the Sixth Committee (A/61/452). The competent authorities in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia wishes to convey the following information:

1. In view of the role of the United Nations and its diplomatic relations with the member states, paragraph 10 is an infringement on the national sovereignty of states and a direct interference in the process of formulating its political and security decisions since each state has the right to exercise its sovereignty over its territories as it sees fit to maintain its security. The competent authority believes that it is appropriate to re-formulate the article in a manner that does not obligate it and let the state decide for itself.
2. As for paragraph 12, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has designated a special quarter for diplomatic missions and residences and has taken all necessary security precautions, and has enhanced the protection of these quarters.
3. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has acceded to the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons, including diplomatic agents in order to protect diplomats.

The Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to His Excellency the United Nations Secretary General the assurances of its highest considération.

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