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The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to its Note Verbale No. 66.340/2/08 dated 12 May 2008 and the Note Verbale No. LA/COD/4 by the Secretary-General dated 4 June 2008 has the honor to submit the following additional information regarding the report of the Secretary-General pursuant to resolution 61/31 of 4 December 2006 entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives":

"On 17 March 2008 small bags containing paint were thrown onto the chancery of the Turkish Embassy in Vienna. The police officer in charge missed to intervene as he was at that moment busy guarding the other side of the building. Based on information retrieved from the surveillance system, the Austrian police engaged a criminal investigation against 3 persons, who have not yet been apprehended. The Turkish Embassy received an ex gratia compensation for the damage caused by the paint.

On 2 January 2008, four juveniles, who, according to eye witness accounts, were drunk, threw several bottles filled with gasoline onto the building of the Turkish Consulate General in Bregenz. The Austrian police engaged a criminal investigation against those persons, who have not yet been apprehended.

As to the premises of representations of Turkey in Austria, it should be further noted that also the chanceries of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the United Nations and International Organizations in Vienna and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Turkey to the OSCE are under mobile security protection.

To the
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New York

The authorities of the Republic of Austria wish to assure the Secretary-General that appropriate measures are taken to protect the premises of diplomatic missions and consulates against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of the mission or impairment of its dignity as well as to prevent any attack against the staff of diplomatic missions and consulates."

The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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