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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations (Office of Legal Affairs) and in accordance with Paragraph 10(a) of the General Assembly Resolution No. 59/37 – Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives – the republic of Slovenia wishes to report the following incidents:

On 7 September 2007 Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia, Athens received a written threat to the Slovenian Ambassador. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece was informed of the incident.

During the night of 22/23 December 2007 there was a burglary of the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Brussels. There was some material damage congruent with the use of the burglary tools and 104 visa stickers were stolen. The police was informed of the incident and a new alarm system connected also to a wireless phone and new anti-burglary door were installed.

On 17 February 2008 at 19.00 around 30 demonstrators broke into the premises of the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Belgrade through the main entrance during violent demonstrations in connection with the declaration of Kosovo independence. At first, the police only observed the situation and did not intervene. Later, it removed demonstrators from the embassy without prior notification of embassy's staff. EU's and Slovenia's flags were removed from the flagpoles on the building and were then burned down in front of the embassy. Serious material damage (destroyed furniture, computers, TV; destroyed balcony fencing; broken windows; damaged interior) was inflicted. The police and the Serbian Ministry of the Interior were informed of the incident, on 18 February 2008 the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia lodged a protest with the Embassy of the Republic of Serbia in Ljubljana and damage claim has been sent to the Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but no response has been received yet.

On 27 February 2008 Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Belgrade received written threats to safety of the Slovenian politicians, companies and ambassadors. The Security and Technical Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia was informed.

**SECRETARY GENERAL
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On 14 June 2008 at 2.09 burglars beat up a diplomat up who entered the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Vienna when he heard the alarm. Burglars entered the building through the garage breaking into several electrical and phone cabinets and breaking off alarm's keyboard. Welding and metal cutting equipment was also brought to the place of burglary. Front door was damaged and breaking into the consular safe was attempted. The police was informed of the incident.

Also, in accordance with Paragraph 10 (b) of the General Assembly Resolution Nr. 59/37 the Republic of Slovenia wishes to report that there were no major violations of the safety of the diplomatic and consular missions in its territory.

There were a few cases of vandalism at the residence of the Ambassador of the Republic of Croatia as it is located in the vicinity of the student's settlement. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has informed the police of all incidents, and a criminal report against an anonymous perpetrator to the Office of the State Prosecutor was made.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs also received reports of written threats received by two Embassies. On 15 May the Embassy of the French Republic reported that the French Ambassador received three written threats allegedly sent by a Slovenian citizen, who also telephoned the Ambassador and the Consul after being deported from France. The police was informed of the situation. On 4 June 2008 the Embassy of the Republic of Serbia received a written threat, which was transmitted to the police by the Ministry.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations wishes to renew its compliments to the Secretary General of the United Nations (Office of Legal Affairs). *JS*

New York, 12 September 2008.

