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The Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to his note LA/COD/4 of 9 April 2010 on General Assembly resolution 63/126 entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives".

In response to his note verbale, the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations has the honour to inform the Secretary-General of an attack on the residence of the Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in London, United Kingdom, during the night of Sunday 6 June 2010 to Monday 7 June 2010, which was carried out by unknown individuals. This attack resulted in substantial material damage to movable and immovable assets, including several vehicles belonging to the Ambassador and the Mission which were completely destroyed by fire, as well as the premises housing the residence referred to.

In this regard, the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo protested strongly against this barbaric act in its note verbale of 10 June 2010 to the British Government, and cites paragraphs 3 and 5 of the resolution mentioned above in the context of measures and views with regard to the protection, security and safety of its Mission in London and its staff.

The Permanent Mission takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretary-General the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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