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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 the Secretary-General's request in Note LA/COD/4 of 12 January 2011 regarding General Assembly resolution 65/30 of 6 December 2010 entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives" has the honour to inform the Secretary-General of the following:

"1. On 21 May 2010 the Austrian Ambassador to Iran hosted the yearly International Charity Bazar of the Diplomatic Ladies Group on the premises of his residence in Teheran. Police barriers at the gates of the residence and in its vicinity prevented almost all Iranian nationals from entering the premises. Police personnel at the entrance was armed with guns and clubs and the entrance was under video surveillance. Two members of the police force entered the property without being invited to do so. The incident was brought to the attention of the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran by Note Verbale dated 23 May 2010. The Islamic Republic of Iran informed the Austrian Embassy in Teheran that investigations into the incident, in particular regarding the unauthorized presence of police personnel on the premises of the residence, would be carried out. To date, the Austrian Embassy was – contrary to promises made earlier – not informed about the outcome of these investigations.

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2. On 10 August 2010 the Austrian Embassy in Teheran hosted a Jazz concert on Embassy premises. Three plainclothes policemen and five in uniform of the diplomatic police blocked the entrance to the Embassy using their police vehicles and prevented a number of invited guests from entering the premises. Iranian nationals were threatened with arrest. Upon intervention by the Austrian Ambassador all guests were allowed to leave the Embassy unharmed after the concert. The incident was brought to the attention of the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran by Note Verbale.

3. On 28 December 2010 four armed assailants forcibly entered premises of the Austrian Embassy's Commercial Section in Lagos and attacked the Head of the Commercial Section, his spouse and the sister of the Head of the Commercial Section. During the one hour long occupation of the Embassy premises the assailants subjected their victims to threats, intimidation, physical abuse and inflicted particularly serious harm to the spouse of the Head of the Commercial Section. Valuables as well as a considerably high amount of funds denominated in various currencies were stolen. The incident was brought to the attention of the Foreign Ministry of the Federal Republic of Nigeria by Note Verbale dated 28 December 2010. On 24 January 2011 the Austrian Embassy in Abuja was informed by the Lagos State Police Commissioner that five persons had been arrested and that the suspects had confessed. So far no charges have been filed against any of the five suspects. According to the police, three more individuals are still at large. The Nigerian authorities also informed the Austrian Embassy on 24 January 2011 that they had been able to recover some of the stolen items and valuables but they later retracted from that statement. To date, the Nigerian authorities have failed to hand over any recovered items and valuables to the Embassy."

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.

