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The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to the United Nations Secretariat's Verbal Note LA/COD/4 dated 17 January 2011, regarding resolution A/RES/65/30 entitled "Consideration of Effective Measures to Enhance the Protection, Security and Safety of Diplomatic and Consular Mission and Representatives", has the honor to provide the following information concerning the violation of the protection, security and safety of the Greek Diplomatic and Consular Mission and representatives in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia:

On February 10, 2008, at 06:20 hours, a group of young men threw empty bottles and stones against the parking space area reserved for the vehicles of the Liaison Office of the Hellenic Republic. As a result of this attack, the vehicles of two staff members of the Liaison Office were seriously damaged. The local Police, which was notified by the police security guard on duty, recorded the incident and managed to identify some of the culprits, who appeared to be underage. A Verbal Note was sent at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, in Skopje, on February 11, 2008, while the Head of the Liaison Office met with the Director of Protocol on February 13, 2008, regarding this incident.

On May 25, 2008, at approximately 18:30 hours, a Greek Police officer was driving his vehicle (Greek license plates NEP 2635) at the highway connecting the Greek border with Skopje, returning from Greece to report for duty at the Liaison Office. When due to increased traffic all vehicles had to come to a halt, the officer and his vehicle were physically attacked by 5 unknown persons who were travelling in adjacent vehicles and were part of a larger group travelling to Skopje to participate at a political rally later the same day. Further attacks by this group were averted only because the attackers realized the presence of a close-by police vehicle. A Verbal Note regarding this incident was sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Skopje.

In the first morning hours of May 30, 2008, unknown perpetrators destroyed the external rear-view mirror of a vehicle belonging to a member of the diplomatic staff of the Liaison Office (license plates no. 27-CD-49). The incident took place in front of the staff-member's residence on 13 Kozle Street. This incident was reported to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Skopje, via Verbal Note.

In the first morning hours of May 31, 2008, unknown perpetrators threw eggs against the coat of arms of Greece at the Residence of the Head of the Liaison Office. This incident was reported to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Skopje, via Verbal Note.

On September 9, 2008, a vehicle, make Audi 80 (Greek license plates KNA-8503), belonging to a member of the diplomatic staff of the Liaison Office, was vandalized by two unidentified perpetrators, who damaged the rear number plate. It should be noted that the culprits managed to flee the scene of the crime, despite the

fact that the vehicle in question was parked in the parking area reserved for the Liaison Office, which is located right next to the police security guard's booth. Furthermore, on September 10, 2008, unidentified person(s) removed the engraved inscription from the façade of the Greek Press Office, located at 54, Kliment Ohridski Street. A Verbal Note was sent at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, in Skopje, on September 11, 2008.

In the morning hours of May 29, 2009, unknown perpetrators threw stones against the Residence of the Head of the Liaison Office, located at 3 Ankarska Street, in Skopje. The perpetrators probably used the courtyard of the adjacent public school for this purpose. The police were notified immediately and arrived on the spot to record the incident. A Verbal Note was also sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Skopje, on June 1, 2009.

At approximately 21.00 hrs on May 29, 2009, a vehicle of make Mercedes (license plates no. 27-S-015) belonging to a member of the diplomatic staff of the Liaison Office, parked at the parking area in front of the premises of the Liaison Office, was vandalized by two unidentified perpetrators, who damaged the windshield, the trunk and the right side of the vehicle. The two perpetrators threw a car mirror in the courtyard of the Liaison Office and managed to flee the scene, since the on duty police security guard of the Liaison Office was absent. The incident was reported to the Foreign Ministry in Skopje via Verbal Note on June 2, 2009.

In the early morning of October 10, 2009, unknown perpetrators smashed the right window of a vehicle belonging to a member of the diplomatic staff of the Liaison Office (license plates no. 27-CD-016). As there were no items or personal belongings missing from the vehicle, the motive of this attack does not seem to be theft. The perpetrators managed to flee the scene of the crime, despite the fact that the vehicle in question was parked near the Liaison Office. A Verbal Note on this incident was sent at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Skopje, on October 12, 2009.

The Permanent Mission of Greece submits this information in accordance to operative paragraphs 10, 12 and 13 of the General Assembly resolution 65/30 and kindly requests that it be included in the relevant report of the Secretary General for the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly.

The Permanent Mission of Greece 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. *J*

New York, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011



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