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The Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, with reference to his note no. LA/COD/4 of 12 January 2011, drawing attention to 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 provide the attached report.

The Permanent Mission of Sweden 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.

New York, 10 May 2012



H.E. Mr Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York

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**Report on serious violations of the protection, security and safety of
diplomatic and consular missions and representatives in Sweden 2010–
2011 (General Assembly Resolution 65/30 of 6 December 2010)**

During the last two years the following incidents involving the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives have occurred in Sweden.

Iran

19 August 2011. The Embassy was attacked with Molotov cocktails. The investigation was closed due to a lack of evidence.

Iraq

28/29 June 2011. The kitchen window pane of a home in which an attaché to the Embassy and his family reside was broken in the middle of the night. Two hours later, two large stones were thrown at the same kitchen window causing the entire window to break. The investigation is still in progress.

Libya

11 March 2010. The Libyan Embassy was vandalised in the form of broken glass and glass doors after the perpetrator went berserk in the

entrance. He was sentenced to one month in prison for the crime on 31 March 2010.

16 February 2011. The Swedish Police Service's Diplomatic Protection Service has reported that a person threw a stone at the Libyan Embassy, shattering a window unit in the entrance as well as a window in the office premises. The person has been arrested by the police. However, an investigation on vandalism is under way.

21 April 2011. A few demonstrators trespassed on Embassy grounds. A flag was burned inside the premises and the door was painted the colours of the Libyan rebel flag. Six people were arrested for unlawful intrusion. Some damage might have been caused to the Embassy, the extent of which is still unknown. The investigation was closed due to lack of evidence.

11 August 2011, the Embassy was stormed after seven people, who were later arrested for unlawful intrusion, broke into the Embassy. Prosecution have now been started against the perpetrators.

Mexico

3 August 2010. A diplomat at the Embassy had a burglary. The stolen property was worth around SEK 540 000. The criminal investigation was closed due to a lack of trace evidence.

Saudi Arabia

9 January 2010. A perpetrator throws a Molotov cocktail at an Embassy window, causing one of the awnings to catch fire. Damage to the face of the building; no person was injured. The investigation was closed due to lack of evidence.

Syria

The Embassy was threatened when an unknown perpetrator wrote in a letter dated 9 October 2011 that Syrian embassies and civil servants would be annihilated unless the genocide in Syria ceased. The letter writer also wrote that the threat extended to higher-ranking civil servants and ambassadors in other countries. The letter stipulated a nine-day time limit. Nothing happened. The investigation was closed due to lack of evidence.

Ukraine

11 April 2011 a diplomat at the Embassy had a burglary and jewellery valued at SEK 500 000 were stolen. The investigation was closed due to lack of evidence.

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A few minor violations of the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives in Sweden were also reported during this period. These incidents include low-level threats, petty thefts and burglaries, in particular of embassy shields or diplomatic plates belonging to official embassy or diplomatic vehicles, vandalism of diplomatic vehicles/embassy property and some cases of harassment of visitors to missions. There have also been a couple of cases involving various minor intrusions of embassy premises.

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