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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations. With reference to the Secretary-General's note LA/COD/4 dated 24 February, and in view of the General Assembly Resolution 63/126, and of the preparation of the report of the Secretary-General as requested in paragraph 13 of the above resolution, the Permanent Mission has the honor to inform the latter of the following:

The Republic of Macedonia provides protection to the Liaison Office of the Hellenic Republic in the Republic of Macedonia and its representatives in accordance with the relevant provisions of the respective Vienna Conventions. In particular, the premises of the Liaison Office are guarded on a permanent 24-hour basis by Macedonian security personnel. When warranted by the circumstances, the Republic of Macedonia acts to put in place enhanced security measures, including the deployment of supplemental security personnel. In particular, the Republic of Macedonia responds promptly and efficiently to relevant requests put forward by the Liaison Office in Skopje for enhanced security measures in case of demonstrations taking place at the premises. If any report is received of alleged criminal activity against the staff or property of the Liaison Office, the competent Macedonian authorities immediately investigate the matter. Where wrongdoers are identified, they are dealt with according to the law.

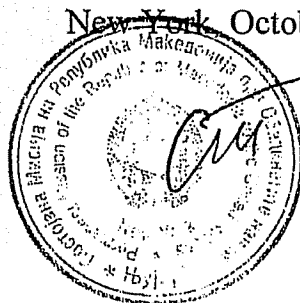
As regards the specific incidents alleged by the Hellenic Republic in the communication attached to the Secretary-General's note LA/COD/4 dated 24 February 2010, details concerning the steps taken by the Republic of Macedonia are provided in the Annex to this note.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Macedonia 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, October 04, 2010

Enclosed: Annex  
**Office of the Secretary-General  
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## ANNEX

As regards the asserted theft of license plates from, or vandalism to, vehicles belonging to personnel of the Liaison Office of the Hellenic Republic in Skopje:

- The Interior Ministry conducted investigations into two allegations of theft of licence plates from vehicles belonging to a member of the Greek diplomatic staff and to a spouse of a member of the Greek diplomatic staff on 14<sup>th</sup> January and 24<sup>th</sup> March 2008 respectively. In neither instance was the police investigation able to determine the person responsible for the theft; however, in both cases the Interior Ministry issued new license plates without delay. It should be noted that neither incident took place outside the Liaison Office, which is guarded on a 24 hour basis, and where Macedonian police are in a position to monitor vehicles belonging to Greek diplomatic staff.

- Investigations were conducted by the Interior Ministry into allegations of vandalism to vehicle licence plates and vehicles belonging to diplomatic and administrative staff of the Liaison Office, and to one of their spouses on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 15<sup>th</sup> May, 20<sup>th</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008. In no case was the police able to identify the perpetrator. It is not alleged that the incidents of 29<sup>th</sup> February or 3<sup>rd</sup> April took place outside the Liaison Office, where the 24-hour police security presence would have been in a position to monitor the vehicles in question. With respect to the 15<sup>th</sup> May incident, the police investigation uncovered information suggesting that the scratches to the vehicle in question were observed on it prior to the date on which the incident reportedly occurred, suggesting that the damage had not in fact been occasioned while the vehicle was parked outside the Liaison Office. With respect to the June 20<sup>th</sup> incident, doubts were also raised as to whether the alleged damage took place outside the Liaison Office, due to the extremely short period of time during which the vehicle was stationed outside the premises.

- With respect to the allegation made by the Permanent Representative of the Hellenic Republic of vandalism to the vehicle of a member of the Greek diplomatic staff on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2008, no such incident was reported to the Macedonian authorities at the time, and consequently no police investigation was – or could have been – undertaken.

As regards the reported criminal activity against the residences of personnel of the Liaison Office of the Hellenic Republic in Skopje:

- The Interior Ministry conducted an investigation into the allegation that a piece of wood was thrown at a window of the personal residence of the Head of the Liaison Office on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008. The police investigations were unable to identify the perpetrator.

- The Interior Ministry investigated a reported burglary at the residence of a First Counselor of the Liaison Office on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2008, resulting in the theft of a number of items of minor value. Despite questioning by the police of those living in neighbouring properties, the Macedonian authorities were unable to identify the perpetrator. There is no evidence to support the allegation made by the Hellenic Republic that the burglary was intended to intimidate or threaten Greek diplomatic staff.

- The Permanent Mission of the Hellenic Republic to the United Nations now asserts that a further incident took place at the same residence on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008, during which unidentified persons uprooted plants and threw mud on a vehicle in the courtyard of the residence. The Government of Macedonia has found no information that this incident was reported to the police at the time.

As regards allegations concerning public demonstrations outside the Liaison Office of the Hellenic Republic in Skopje:

- The Interior Ministry deployed additional police security forces and enhanced security measures to protect the Liaison Office during the course of a public demonstration outside the premises which took place on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008. Despite those measures, regrettably, two windows of the Liaison Office were broken by objects thrown during the course of the demonstration, and a number of vehicles parked outside the Liaison Office were also damaged. The police conducted an investigation into the incident, as a result of which the organizer of the protest was charged with a misdemeanor for failing properly to control the demonstration. Additional security forces were subsequently deployed to the Liaison Office on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008 in anticipation of further possible demonstrations. However, no such demonstrations in fact took place.

- The Interior Ministry investigated complaints made by the Liaison Office concerning the heckling of Macedonian citizens queuing outside the Liaison Office on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008. The Interior Ministry determined that this had occurred during the course of a public protest outside the Liaison Office, and that none of the Macedonian citizens in question had been harmed in any way and no further problems had been reported.