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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 31 December 2008 has the honour to inform the Secretary-General on the following:

On 27 January 2009, around 0.45 a.m., seven persons dressed in plainclothes and armed with handguns and tasers entered the private apartment of an attaché of the Austrian Embassy by force. They identified themselves as members of the Iranian police force and continued in their actions despite having been informed that the attaché is an Austrian diplomat accredited in the Islamic Republic of Iran since 14 November 2005 and that his apartment had been officially notified to the Iranian competent authorities as private residence of a diplomat. They questioned his guests, searched the apartment and attempted to take photographs of the guests. After the incident, it was discovered that 5 Million Rial were missing.

The incident was brought to the attention of the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran by Note Verbale dated 4 February 2009. The Islamic Republic of Iran informed the Austrian Embassy in Tehran as well as the Austrian Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs that the police was investigating the incident and requested further information to pursue the investigations. The Austrian Embassy in Tehran readily agreed to the request for cooperation in this regard.

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.

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