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The Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations presents his compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to his note LA/COD/4 of 17 January 2011 regarding resolution A/65/30, entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives".

In that connection, he has the honour to transmit herewith a table listing reported incidents involving foreign diplomatic and consular offices in Belgium. This document also sets out the measures taken by Belgium as a host country to ensure the security and safety of such offices in its territory.

With regard to incidents involving Belgian diplomatic offices abroad, the Belgian authorities would refer to the recent carjacking of the Ambassador of Belgium in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso). This incident is being followed closely by the Belgian security services.

The Permanent Representative of Belgium to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Secretary-General the renewed assurances of his highest consideration.

(Signed)

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Protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives

Resolution A/RES/65/30: Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives

Report of Belgium

(1) Number of security incidents involving foreign diplomatic missions in Belgium: it should be noted that not all incidents are reported to the Department of Protocol for Foreign Affairs. The table below lists the incidents reported to the Department of Protocol in 2010.

2010: harmful acts targeting foreign diplomatic missions, as reported to the Department of Protocol for Foreign Affairs

<i>Country</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Harmful act</i>	<i>Date</i>
Afghanistan	EMB	embassy burglary	3/10/2010
Bhutan	EMB	theft of national flag	19/1/2010
Bhutan	EMB	theft of national flag	8/11/2010
Gambia	EMB	embassy burglary	16/4/2010
Iceland	EMB	attempted break-in of embassy premises	10/7/2010
League of Arab States	ORG	mission burglary	24/1/2010
League of Arab States	ORG	attempted break-in of mission premises	14/4/2010
Lesotho	EMB	embassy burglary	28/1/2010
Qatar	EMB	embassy burglary	22/3/2010
Saudi Arabia	EMB	attempted break-in of embassy premises	23/1/2010
Sweden	EMB	embassy burglary	17/1/2010
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	EMB	attempted burglary of diplomatic building (military offices)	25/1/2010

(2) Measures taken with a view to protecting effectively the diplomatic missions in Belgium:

- General measures

Security measures for diplomatic missions are taken in accordance with the threat analysis of the Threat Assessment Coordination Body. This national body assesses the level of threat to each diplomatic mission established in Belgian territory. On the basis of this assessment, the Crisis Centre of the Federal Department of the Interior requests law enforcement agencies to take specific security measures according to each mission's needs. A monthly meeting, which is attended by the Department of Protocol for Foreign Affairs, is held at the Crisis Centre for general follow-up of the security measures established for all the diplomatic missions in Belgium.

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- Specific measures

A diplomatic mission with a security issue reports it to the Department of Protocol for Foreign Affairs. The Department then reports it to the relevant security agency, which provides the appropriate response. For example, in 2010, meetings chaired by Belgian law enforcement agencies were held for a number of diplomatic missions that had been the victims of burglaries/theft/violence, in order to provide them with information on preventive measures and to address their concerns. Additional meetings have been held with diplomatic missions outside Belgium that have been the victims of parcel bombs in order to train them to recognize suspicious parcels and to inform them of the procedures to follow if a suspicious parcel is received.
