

*Translated from French*

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Burkina Faso presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in New York and, with reference to its note verbale LA/COD/4 dated 29 February 2008, has the honour to submit the following information pursuant to General Assembly resolution 61/31 of 4 December 2006 entitled “Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives”.

In Burkina Faso, the following measures have been instituted by the Ministry of Security to enhance the protection and security of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives accredited to them:

- Geographical mapping: Premises housing all mission residences and offices and diplomatic and consular representatives are registered, identified, mapped geographically and inventoried to facilitate security responses.
- Ad hoc protection: In specific situations, certain diplomatic and consular missions and representatives enjoy special protection measures: round-the-clock monitoring by plain-clothed personnel, with response teams on constant standby. This was done for the Royal Embassy of Denmark.
- Presence of law-enforcement and security agencies during demonstrations: All diplomatic and consular missions and representatives are protected by law-enforcement and security agencies during demonstrations or parties that they organize. These mostly take place to commemorate national holidays.
- Escort teams: Diplomatic and consular missions and representatives are given escort teams for travel within Burkina Faso upon request. This measure is aimed at protecting them from armed attack and any other type of threat or aggression they might encounter.

These measures and provisions are not exhaustive and other modes of protection may be developed as appropriate.

It should be noted that no diplomatic or consular missions or representatives have yet been subject to any perceived or definite threats in Burkina Faso.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Burkina Faso takes this opportunity to convey to the United Nations Secretariat in New York the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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