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The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to the United Nations Secretariat's Note Verbaie No.LA/COD/4 dated 24 October, 2008, has the honor to inform the latter of the following:

Greece would like to express regret, regarding the fact that Turkey has seen fit to return to this issue with a second Note Verbaie, almost identical to the first one.

The Permanent Mission of Greece to the United Nations, repeating what it has already stated in its first Note Verbaie on the subject, would like to reiterate that Greece, as a Member-State of the European Union, is fully in compliance with its obligations, and with the framework within which EU Member-States, as well as all democratic countries, have to act in such matters.

Regarding what is alleged about occasional contacts between the Greek Police and demonstrators, it must be noted that Greek Police inform the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey when demonstrators express the wish to deliver letters of protest to the Embassy, and in return, convey the Embassy's reply to the demonstrators. In no case does the Greek Police assume a negotiating role.

It should be furthermore noted that the Greek Police try to defuse tension among the demonstrators in order to avoid any possible disturbances,

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by intermediating between the demonstrators and the Turkish Embassy staff, in order for the latter to accept letters of protest,

Since, however, this intervention appears to cause inconvenience to the Turkish Embassy, the Greek Police could allow the demonstrators to hang up such letters of protest in adjacent spaces.

The Permanent Mission of Greece 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, November 14th, 2008

c.c: UN Office of Legal Affairs
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