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The Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, in reply to the Note Verbale N.LA/COD/4 dated 9 April 2010 concerning serious violations of the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, has the honour to forward the enclosed report.

The Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to United Nations avails itself of the occasion to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Secretary-General of the United Nations

NEW YORK

**Report of serious violations of diplomatic immunity regarding the protection,  
security and safety of diplomatic missions**

In Accordance with GA Resolution 63/126 dated 11 December 2008, the Holy See reports the following incidents:

1. **Apostolic Nunciature in Angola - Armed burglary:** On 19 April 2010 three men armed with a machine-gun and a pistol entered the territory of the Apostolic Nunciature under the pretext of handing over an important document. The Chargé d'Affaires a. i. was threatened to surrender and hand over cash and valuables inside the house. A formal complaint was filed to the local diplomatic police; details of the inquiry are not yet available.
2. **Apostolic Nunciature in Venezuela – Tear-gas bombs inside the compound:** On 19 January 2009 at 5.32 A.M. some people identified as belonging to a group called *La Piedrita 23 de Enero* launched from the road five tear-gas bombs. The toxic smoke entered inside the building and caused some light respiratory disturbances to the personnel. The explosive devices were made in a factory that supplies items to the security forces. The perpetrators of this vandalistic act left a leaflet containing a message. The Nunciature formally informed the Ministry of External Affairs through a Note Verbale, decrying this act of violence and asking for adequate measures to protect the persons and premises of the diplomatic Mission.