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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to his Note (LA/COD/4) of 31 December 2008 drawing attention to General Assembly resolution 63/126 of 11 December 2008 entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives", more specifically on paragraphs 10 and 12 thereof, has the honor to submit the following information:

1. *On Paragraph 10:* The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines (DFA) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) have not received any complaints regarding serious violations of the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives that are present and/or residing in the country.
2. *On Paragraph 12:* The Government of the Philippines takes very seriously its obligations under the 1973 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons and has implemented measures to ensure and enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives. The Division for Diplomatic Security, Office of Protocol and State Visits (OPSV) of DFA is mandated to provide security briefings for members of the Diplomatic Missions, UN Organizations and its Specialized Agencies, and other International Organizations accredited to the Republic of the Philippines. It also coordinates and consults with the PNP and other security, intelligence and law enforcement

agencies on the security requirements of these Missions. The DFA and PNP have in place an adequate system of coordination. Both agencies ensure expeditious, thorough and prompt action on any security concerns that may be brought to their attention. Members of the PNP have been issued guidelines and procedures to be undertaken to ensure the safety of all foreign missions, ambassadors, consuls and diplomatic officers, including their families, offices and residences in the country, in coordination with the concerned embassies and government agencies. The PNP's Task Force on Diplomatic Security maintains the deployment of personnel for the following activities: a) Detail of Liaison Officers to the Embassies, b) Security Coverage to Embassies, c) Security Coverage to Diplomatic Residences, d) Close-in Security Coverage, e) Security Coverage to Foreign/International Schools, f) Investigative Assistance and g) Threat Assessment Assistance.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines 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, 22 April 2010

