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The Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to the Secretary-General's request in Note LA/COD/4 of 22 March 2012 regarding General Assembly resolution 65/30 of 6 December 2010 entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives" and following-up Note No. New-York-ÖV/RECHT/0369/2011 of 13 May 2011 has the honour to inform the Secretary-General of the following:

"As regards the incident on 21 May 2010 concerning the International Charity Bazar of the Diplomatic Ladies Group at the Austrian Ambassador's residence in Teheran, reported in Note Verbal No. New-York-ÖV/RECHT/0369/2011 of 13 May 2011, and in particular the unauthorized presence of police personnel on the premises of the residence, Austria to date, despite several requests, was not informed by the Iranian authorities about the outcome of investigations of the incident.

On 26 July 2011, members of the Iranian diplomatic police took pictures of female guests of an event taking place in the Austrian Embassy in Teheran, noted their personal data and urged and/or forced them not to participate in the event.

During an event at the residence of the Austrian Ambassador to Iran on 29 September 2011, the licence plates of approximately 20 guests parking in front of the residence were dismantled by plainclothes policemen. Uniformed members of the diplomatic police present did not intervene. In order to get the licence plates back, their owners had to present themselves at police stations where they were reproached for participating in the event and were urged and in some cases had to commit themselves in writing not to participate in future events organised by foreign diplomatic missions.

To the
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On 7 October 2011 in the course of a spontaneous midnight demonstration, a couple of persons forcefully opened the door to the premises of the consular section of the Syrian Embassy in Vienna. They entered the premises and caused damage to furniture and office equipment. The police was on the spot in less than five minutes, and several intruders could be identified and indicted. One of them was sentenced to three months arrest on probation by an Austrian court. The total damage amounted to 5,254.40 Euros. Austria offered an ex-gratia payment, which was declined by the Syrian Embassy, and reinforced police vigilance of the premises of the Mission.”

The Permanent Mission of Austria 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, 9 July 2012

