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The Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and has the honor to refer to Note Verbale LA/COD/4 of 14 June.

On 10 February 2012 the Syrian Embassy in Rome reported to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that unknown intruders had entered its offices. On the same day, the Police Headquarters of Rome, which had been immediately informed of the case by the Ministry's Protocol Office, reported that during the night a dozen persons of Syrian nationality had entered the Embassy by a ladder, caused damages to the offices, and hung from a window a banner of protest against the Syrian Arab Republic. The Police Headquarters immediately stepped up vigilance to protect diplomatic/consular targets, national airlines and tourist boards, and the socio-cultural, economic, trade and religious interests of the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as individuals and other vulnerable targets, to prevent further illegal acts.

Surveillance of the diplomatic offices and ambassador's residence was immediately reinforced by adding two Carabinieri officers and a state police squad car, in addition to the two Italian army soldiers already stationed there 24-7.

All of this was promptly communicated to the Syrian Embassy in Rome.

Following the 10 February episode, the Italian security authorities adopted every measure considered appropriate to prevent further incidents against the Syrian Embassy, and promptly advising the Syrian Embassy of any known protests planned outside its offices – for a total of ten protests from 10 February to today – while at the same time providing the proper security measures.

Should there be further developments in the investigations, particularly regarding the identification and sanctioning of the perpetrators of the 10 February infractions, an updated report will be provided.

The Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations takes this opportunity to renew its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations.

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