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Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection and legal security of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives

Contribution of Belgium

A. Serious violations of the protection and security of diplomatic and consular missions in Belgium

The table below summarizes the incidents reported to the Protocol Directorate of Foreign Affairs that targeted foreign diplomatic missions in Belgium.

Country	Institution	Incidents	Date
Turkey	Residence of the Ambassador	Acts of vandalism	10 April 2016
Turkey	Consulate General (Antwerp)	Intrusion in the garden during the night	2 April 2016
Niger	Embassy building	Theft of the national flag during the night	16 March 2016
Saudi Arabia	Embassy building	Threats and suspicious behaviour of an individual	January 2016
Hungary	Embassy building	Acts of vandalism (defacing of the embassy nameplates)	17 October 2015
Mauritania	Embassy building	Acts of vandalism (graffiti)	5 October 2015
Islamic Republic	Embassy building	Acts of vandalism (damage to equipment)	Early 2015

of Iran			
Jamaica	Residence of the Ambassador	Burglary	6 December 2014
Islamic Republic of Iran	Embassy building	Acts of vandalism (throwing of stones, graffiti)	September-October 2014
Greece	Embassy building	Acts of vandalism (graffiti)	2 September 2014
Morocco	Embassy building	Acts of vandalism (graffiti)	19 August 2014
Peru	Embassy building	Theft of the embassy's copper nameplates	8 July 2014
Germany	Permanent Representation to the European Union	Acts of vandalism	25 June 2014
Brunei Darussalam	Embassy building	Burglary	9 May 2014
Malawi	Embassy building	Theft of the national flag	3 February 2014

Each incident and the measures taken by the Belgian authorities are outlined below.

In early 2016, the following incidents were reported:

- 10 April 2016 - Turkey - acts of vandalism against the residence of the Ambassador.

These acts were committed by protesters during a protest that was not directed at the residence itself. An inquiry was opened by the police. The Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service for Internal Affairs was informed and offered to reimburse the embassy of Turkey for the costs of cleaning the facade. During protests

taking place in the vicinity of the residence, appropriate security measures will be taken for the residence, even if it is not targeted by the protest.

- Night of 2-3 April 2016 - Turkey - Intrusion into the garden of the Consulate General in Antwerp.
The police intervened and caught the intruder. The intruder claimed to have the wrong address and to have been invited. The Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service for Internal Affairs was notified to ensure that police patrols were informed of the incident and appropriate measures taken.
- Night of 16-17 March 2016 - Niger - theft of the national flag of the embassy
The Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service for Internal Affairs was notified to ensure that police patrols were informed of the incident and appropriate measures taken.
- January 2016 - Saudi Arabia - threats and suspicious behaviour of an anonymous individual at the embassy
The threat was assessed by the Coordinating Body for Threat Analysis (OCAM). Given that the threat level to the embassy was already at level 3, police patrols were made aware of the threats and suspicious behaviour of the individual in question.

In 2015, the following incidents were reported:

- 17 October 2015 - Hungary - act of vandalism - defacing of the embassy nameplates
The police prepared a written report and the Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service for Internal Affairs was notified to ensure that police patrols were informed of the incident and appropriate measures taken.
- 5 October 2015 - Mauritania - act of vandalism - graffiti on the entrance and garage of the embassy
The police conducted an inquiry and the Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service for Internal Affairs was contacted to ensure that appropriate security measures were taken.
- Early 2015 - Islamic Republic of Iran - acts of vandalism against the embassy
The videophone and doorbell were broken. The Protocol Directorate offered to reimburse the costs of purchasing new security equipment to replace the equipment that had been destroyed. The police prepared a written report and the Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service for Internal Affairs was notified to ensure that appropriate security measures were taken.

In 2014, the following incidents were reported:

- 6 December 2014 - Jamaica - burglary at the residence of the Ambassador

The police came to the scene and prepared a written report. An inquiry was conducted. The Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service for Internal Affairs was notified to ensure that appropriate security measures were taken.

- September-October 2014 - Islamic Republic of Iran - acts of vandalism against the embassy (throwing of stones and a large amount of graffiti on the facade)

The Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service for Internal Affairs was notified to ensure that appropriate security measures were taken and the police conducted an inquiry following the filing of complaints by the embassy.

- 2 September 2014 - Greece - acts of vandalism - graffiti on the facade of the embassy building

The Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service Interior was notified to ensure that police patrols were informed of the issue and appropriate security measures taken.

- 19 August 2014 - Morocco - acts of vandalism - graffiti on the facade of the embassy building

The Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service for Internal Affairs was notified to ensure that police patrols were informed of the issue and appropriate security measures taken.

- 8 July 2014 - Peru – theft of the embassy copper nameplates

These nameplates were on the front of the embassy building. An inquiry was opened by the police. The Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service for Internal Affairs was contacted by the Protocol Directorate.

- 25 June 2014 - Germany - acts of vandalism on the facade of the Permanent Representation to the European Union during a protest

The Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service for Internal Affairs was notified to ensure that police patrols were informed of the issue and appropriate security measures taken.

- 9 May 2014 - Brunei Darussalam - burglary of the embassy building

The police came to the scene and prepared a written report. An inquiry was conducted and the Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service for Internal Affairs was notified to ensure that appropriate security measures were taken.

- 3 February 2014 - Malawi - theft of the national flag

The Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service Interior was notified to ensure that police patrols were informed of the issue and appropriate security measures taken.

- B. Measures needed or already taken to enhance the protection and security of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives and missions and representatives with diplomatic status to international intergovernmental organizations.

(a) General measures

Security measures for diplomatic missions are determined according to the threat analysis by OCAM. This body ascertains the threat level to each diplomatic mission in Belgium. Based on the threat level, the Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service for Internal Affairs can require the police services to take specific security measures appropriate to each mission. The Crisis Centre of the Federal Public Service Interior organizes a monthly meeting, in which the Protocol Directorate of Foreign Affairs participates, for general follow-up on the security measures for different diplomatic missions in Belgium.

(b) Specific measures

Diplomatic missions that have a security issue communicate it to the Protocol Directorate of Foreign Affairs. Each specific issue is then reported by the Protocol Directorate to the competent security service and receives an appropriate response.
