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

Report of the Republic of El Salvador pursuant to United Nations General Assembly resolution 69/121

The Republic of El Salvador is submitting the present report pursuant to resolution 69/121, in which States are requested to provide information on: “any measures needed or already taken to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives as well as missions and representatives with diplomatic status to international intergovernmental organizations.”

El Salvador, as a State party to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, attaches particular importance to its article 22, paragraph 2, which establishes the obligation of the receiving State “to take all appropriate steps to protect the premises of the mission against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of the mission or impairment of its dignity.” Pursuant to this provision, effective mechanisms have been created to improve the protection and security of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

On an internal level, it is possible for any diplomatic mission, international organization and their respective officials to make a request to the Directorate-General of Protocol and Honours of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to take any necessary steps to provide them protection.

The Directorate-General is responsible for officially notifying the National Civil Police, specifically its VIP Protection Division, which has the capability to meet the requirements and offer the requested level of protection. Such missions and officials may also opt to request ongoing protection from the VIP Protection Division if deemed necessary.

During the past year, records show that the Directorate-General of Protocol and Honours of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has fulfilled all the requests submitted and has provided the security and protection measures requested by the national authorities. In addition, the National Civil Police has been made aware of all situations where diplomats, their premises and international

organizations have been the targets of crime, so that a proper investigation can be launched and legal proceedings undertaken.
