



## Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations

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In the name of God, the most Compassionate, the most Merciful

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The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to refer to Paragraph 10 of resolution A/RES/69/121 of 10 December 2014 entitled: "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives", and submit the following information particularly on the prosecution and trial of those involved in the incidents pertaining to the premises of the Consulate General and the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Mashhad and Tehran, respectively:

1. As previously reported on 4 January 2016, following the release of news on the execution of the prominent religious leader Ayatollah Sheikh Bagher Nimr Al-Nimr by the Saudi authorities, there was an emotional outburst by many who found this action inhumane and unjustifiable in front of the consular and diplomatic premises of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Mashhad and Tehran. The security sectors in Iran demonstrated due diligence to prevent the incident and taken the necessary practical measures. To that effect, the number of security and law enforcement forces were increased substantially and different organs, including the diplomatic police, were engaged in controlling the situation. The sudden spontaneous and uncontrollable reactions by the crowd, however, caused some damage to the buildings of the Saudi diplomatic premises despite extensive efforts. Fortunately, no harm was made to the personnel and staff of the diplomatic and consular premises.
2. Following the incidents, necessary arrangements were made to facilitate the act of leaving the country by all the Saudi diplomatic personnel pursuant to Article 44 of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. At the same time, consistent with the obligations of the receiving State in case of severance of diplomatic relations between the two States under article 45 (1) of the Convention, the Islamic Republic of Iran made necessary attempts to ensure protection of, and respect for, the Saudi diplomatic and consular premises, property and archives. Hence, Saudi agents were provided facilities to take care of the archives and documents left at the diplomatic and consular premises.
3. In this context, necessary arrangements were also put in place to advance the prosecution of those persons involved in inflicting damage to the Saudi premises in Mashhad and Tehran. The Ministry of Interior and the Judiciary opened a thorough investigation into the incidents. More specifically, immediately following the incident 121 individuals suspected of being involved in the incident and thus disrupting the public order and causing damage to the Saudi premises were arrested and further 24 individuals were



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summoned to finalize the investigations. Indictments were also issued for 48 individuals and the trials, are currently underway.

4. A formal request has also been sent to the Saudi Government to grant access to the Iranian Judiciary to carry out an on-site visit to the premises to further complete the investigation process. The Islamic Republic of Iran reiterates its readiness to facilitate the presence of a Saudi Mission to assess the damage incurred as the result of the incident.
5. Reiterating its obligations in accordance with international law and relevant international instruments, especially the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961 and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations of 1963, the Islamic Republic of Iran is determined to take all efforts needed to hold those responsible for the incident accountable.

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest considerations.

New York, 21 September 2016

H.E Mr. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
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