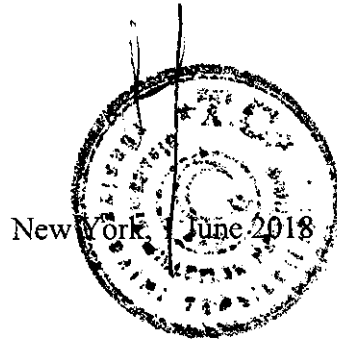


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The Permanent Mission of Turkey to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and with reference to the Latter's Note Verbale LA/COD/4 dated 9 March 2018, regarding General Assembly Resolution 71/145 of 13 December 2016 entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives", has the honour to submit the attached note.

The Permanent Mission of Turkey 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.

Enclosure: As stated



H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres
Secretary-General
United Nations
New York

UNITED STATES

On 24 March 2018, a protest was organized in front of the Embassy of Turkey in Washington by a group of 30 sympathizers of the PKK terrorist organization.

Despite federal legislation of the United States, forbidding two or more people to gather closer than 100 feet (30 meters) to foreign missions in order to scare, force, threaten and harass foreign officials or official residences, it was not possible to receive a positive response to our request that the demonstrators who were at 10 meters from the entrance and the windows of the Residence be moved to the opposite sidewalk; it was moreover observed that the United States - host state – authorities did not exert any effort to stop the action against the statue of Atatürk.

IRELAND

On 24 January 2018, a group of approximately 70 members of the PKK terrorist organization arrived in front of the Embassy of Turkey in Dublin. A vehicle and two police officers had started waiting in front of the Embassy upon prior notification through a Note Verbale about the demonstration.

During this incident, 7-8 demonstrators were able to enter the garden of the Embassy. Some of the demonstrators threw stones at the Embassy staff. The Counsellor of the Embassy was injured as a result of the stones and the blow he received to his face during the brawl that ensued. The Embassy Attaché and a driver were also slightly injured during the brawl. The demonstrators could be stopped and taken out of the Embassy garden through the efforts of the staff and security personnel of the Embassy.

SWITZERLAND

On the evening of 1 May 2017, an attack was carried out against the Consulate General of Turkey in Zurich by a group of 60 people wearing snow masks. The attack caused damage on the walls of the Consulate General.

On 2 April 2018, at 1 am, a Molotov cocktail attack was carried out against the Turkish Consulate in Zürich by 4 individuals.

On 16 April 2018, the front facade, entry, windows of the first floor as well as the signboard of the Office of the Culture and Tourism Attaché of the Consulate General of Turkey in Zurich were soiled by a paint material similar to “tar”.

ITALY

On 20 January 2018, a group of approximately 40 sympathizers of PKK terrorist organization organized a protest in front of the Embassy of Turkey in Rome. The police didn't allow the protesters to approach the Embassy building, but could not prevent them from writing slogans to a portion of the walls and from throwing stones.

On 23 March 2018, a group of approximately 23 PKK sympathizers organized a protest in front of the Embassy of Turkey in Rome. During the protest, the front door of the Embassy was forced and some of the protesters chained themselves to the entrance. Even though security personnel as well as armoured vehicles were present at the beginning of the protest, there was no immediate intervention. The police intervened only half an hour after the incident started.

On 14 March 2018 a group of sympathizers of the PKK terrorist organization forced into the Turkish Honorary Consulate in Venice. The Secretary of the Honorary Consulate was subjected to physical violence and the coat of arms was painted in red.

GERMANY

On 10 March 2018, a group of approximately 350 sympathizers of the PKK terrorist organization staged an unauthorized protest in front of the Consulate General of Turkey in Hamburg and a stone attack ensued. Although the German Police team of approximately 30 officers intervened to some extent to some of the protesters, the protest was not ended.

AUSTRIA

On the night of 21 January 2018, some unidentified individuals entered the garden of the Consulate General of Turkey in Salzburg.

Representatives of the Police reported initially that 3 people were detained, who confessed to their crime but later reported that the detained individuals modified their testimony and refused the accusations. The Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution and Counterterrorism, responsible for the safety and security of the Consulate later reported that the detained persons were released on the ground that they had no link with the attack and that the camera records didn't permit visual identification.

BELGIUM

On the morning of 23 March 2018, a group of 10 people organized an attack directed against the Chancery building of the Embassy of Turkey in Brussels. The Belgian Police, which was informed of the attack, arrived to the Embassy 25-30 minutes later.

DENMARK

On 19 March 2018 around 03.00 AM, a group of 4 people attacked the Embassy of Turkey in Copenhagen by throwing 4 Molotov cocktails, one of which hit the window of the Office of the Ambassador and burnt the protective film of the window.

A permanent guard measure was initiated by the Danish Police on the morning including for the Chancery, Residence, Office of the Attachés and the Office of Turkish Airlines; but this was ended in the afternoon on the ground that "there was no threat level justifying permanent protection". The Danish Police indicated that 4 people were taken into custody on the suspicion of organizing the attack and proceedings were initiated.

GREECE

On 4 April 2018, a group of 20 members of the anarchist group Rubikonas organized a paint attack against the Chancery of the Consulate General in Athens.

A group of 4 people believed to be behind the attack were detained but subsequently released.