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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to your note LA/COD/4 concerning the communication submitted to the Secretary-General denouncing an attack against the consular section of the Venezuelan embassy in Bogotá.

In this regard, and in accordance with the procedure set forth in paragraph 11(b) of General Assembly resolution 73/205, I wish to inform you that the competent authorities are conducting the corresponding investigations into the events in question, including the verification or confirmation of versions to the effect that the officials of the consular section took the equipment and property themselves, owing to non-payment of their salaries.

Further, the National Police has been asked to reinforce surveillance at the above-mentioned premises.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(Signed) Guillermo Fernández de Soto Ambassador, Permanent Representative Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations

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