

*Translated from Russian*

**Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives. Information on incidents involving serious violations of the security of Belarusian missions abroad and their staff**

The Republic of Belarus, with reference to United Nations General Assembly resolution 77/108 of 7 December 2022, entitled “Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives”, has the honour to inform the Secretary-General of the United Nations about incidents involving serious violations of the security of Belarusian missions abroad and their staff in the period from January to April 2023, for inclusion in the next report of the Secretary-General on the aforementioned agenda item.

On 9 February 2023, during the night, an unidentified individual in a state of drunkenness attempted to enter the premises of the Consulate-General of Belarus in Daugavpils (Latvia). Before the police arrived, the individual was trying to open the entrance gate to the mission premises and, as a result, caused damage that hampered the gate’s operability (it currently does not close tightly). While doing this, he was shouting pro-Ukrainian slogans. The individual did not respond to the preventive measures taken by police officers and he was therefore arrested. Charges against the individual were drawn up under articles 171 and 167 of the administrative law of Latvia (drunkenness in a public place and hooliganism).

On 20 April 2023, at about 00:05 hours, a Molotov cocktail was thrown on to the premises of the Embassy of Belarus in Lithuania.

The Charge d’affaires a.i. and Lithuanian police representatives arrived at the scene. During an inspection of the mission’s premises, broken pieces of the Molotov cocktail and of a small oil lamp were found.

A car tyre was found near the fence of the mission’s premises. Matches, a lighter, the smashed lamp, a stepladder, and also traces of spilt flammable liquid and a patch of oil were found outside, near the Embassy fence.

The local police representatives carried out the necessary investigations, and the car tyre and pieces of flammable liquid containers were taken away for analysis.

Analysis of video surveillance footage showed that the Molotov cocktail and the lamp were thrown towards the Embassy by an unknown individual or individuals. The Molotov cocktail, which was thrown first, ignited on a footpath and went out when the liquid had burned off. At practically

the same time as the bottle was thrown at the wall of the mission, the lamp was thrown and smashed but no fire ensued. The minor conflagration did not cause serious damage.

It can be tentatively concluded from the incident that the offenders' actions were not spontaneous. The incident was preceded by preparations (stepladder, wheel, Molotov cocktails, small oil lamps, study of the sight line of the video cameras), which indicates that the act was planned and prepared.

All possible measures are continuously being taken by the Republic of Belarus under international law, the requirements of national law and established international practice to ensure the security of Belarusian and foreign diplomatic missions and consular offices, as well as their staff.

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