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

Article 9, paragraph 2, of the Bolivian Constitution establishes as essential purposes and functions of the State: “To ensure the well-being, development, security and safety, protection and equal dignity of individuals, nations, peoples and communities, and to promote mutual respect and intracultural, intercultural and plurilingual dialogue”. Article 251 of the Constitution provides that the Bolivian police has the specific mission of protecting society, maintaining public order and ensuring compliance with the law.

In Supreme Decree No. 4857, which establishes the organizational structure of the executive branch of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the hierarchical structure of the Ministry of the Interior is established in article 27; the powers of the Minister of the Interior are set out in article 28, in particular subparagraph (c) thereof, which provides as follows: “To oversee the Bolivian police, ensuring that it operates effectively in maintaining public security and protecting society, giving priority to preventive action and assistance, control of public order and compliance with the law in accordance with the Constitution”; and the powers of the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs and Police are set out in article 29, subparagraph (a), which provides as follows: “To formulate policies and measures to ensure the public security of the State, safeguarding the exercise of the constitutional rights and guarantees, public order and social peace inherent to the Plurinational State. In addition, article 6 of Organic Act No. 734, on the Bolivian police, provides that: “(...) The fundamental mission of the national police is to maintain public order, protect society and ensure compliance with the law, in order to allow the population and society to develop fully, in an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity.”

With that in mind, we would like to respond to the request by making the following comments:

Paragraph 11

- (a) All States to report to the Secretary-General, in a concise and expeditious manner and in accordance with the guidelines prepared by the Secretary-General, serious violations of 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;
- (b) The State in which the violation took place – and, to the extent possible, the State where the alleged offender is present – to report to the Secretary-General, in a concise and expeditious manner and in accordance with the guidelines prepared by the Secretary-General, on measures taken to bring the offender to justice and to communicate, in accordance with its laws, the final outcome of the proceedings against the offender, and to report on measures adopted with a view to preventing a repetition of such violations.

Response

Subparagraph (a). The Unit for the Security of Dignitaries (USEDI) is responsible for presidential security and the security of senior diplomats. It has not provided any information or documentation concerning any serious violation of the protection of the safety and security of diplomatic missions and representatives in the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

Subparagraph (b). Given the information provided under (a) above, and the fact that is no record of any events taking place in relation to serious violations of the protection (...) of missions and representatives with diplomatic status to international intergovernmental organizations, no information is available in this regard.

Paragraph 13

Also requests the Secretary-General to invite States to inform him of their views with respect to 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.

The Unit for the Security of Dignitaries (USEDI), through the Bolivian Police Manual of Procedures for the Safety and Security of State Dignitaries, adopted by means of Administrative Resolution No. 146/20, of 5 August 2020, (...) requires companies to classify risks on the basis of such factors as the likelihood of a specific attack and how harmful it would be for operations. The greater the risk, the more urgent the need to take risk management measures.

The application of appropriate countermeasures is also suggested. The final step is to implement a risk reduction plan. The best place to start is with the risks that pose the greatest threat to operations. Possible security improvements include the installation of hardware, additional training and the development of new information.
