

*Translated from Spanish*

## **Permanent Mission of El Salvador to the United Nations**

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

#### **Report of the Republic of El Salvador submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 77/108**

This report is submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 77/108 entitled “Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives”.

In that resolution, States were invited to provide 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. They were also urged to report to the Secretary-General, in a concise and expeditious manner, and in accordance with the guidelines prepared by him, serious violations of the protection, security and safety of those missions.

In this regard, El Salvador, as a State party to the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, reaffirms its commitment to fulfilling the obligations assumed under those conventions and recognizes them as valuable instruments that contribute to the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of friendly relations among States.

In this respect, it is important to note that attacks against individual freedom are defined as an offence under the criminal law of El Salvador in article 150, paragraph 7, of the Criminal Code; when such acts are committed against persons entitled to special protection under the rules of international law, they are an aggravated offence and are punishable with a longer prison term.

It is also important to note that the Republic of El Salvador has established specific mechanisms to guarantee the security, safety and protection of diplomatic and consular missions and their representatives in its territory. These mechanisms involve the active participation of the Directorate-General of Protocol and Honours of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which receives complaints and reports, as well as close collaboration with the National Civil Police through its

Division of Protection of Dignitaries. This coordination ensures that the requirements of the missions accredited in the country, including the implementation of ongoing security measures, can be met effectively.

The foregoing is complemented by the provisions of article 17 of the Organic Act on the National Civil Police, which establish the competence and responsibility of the Division of Protection of Dignitaries with respect to the custody and escort of high-ranking government officials, foreign dignitaries visiting the country and other individuals, on the basis of the decisions of the Government or the courts, as well as the custody of public buildings, the headquarters of diplomatic missions and international organizations.

In view of the foregoing, El Salvador takes this opportunity to state that, since the last report, it has been determined that no serious misconduct has been committed in respect of the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives in El Salvador. The current records of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs confirm that the Salvadoran authorities have fully complied with all requirements and have implemented the requested security, safety and protection measures. This compliance reflects a firm and ongoing commitment to safety and security and respect for the relevant international conventions.

In short, El Salvador reaffirms its commitment to fulfil its international obligations regarding the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions, recognizing the importance given to such activity and respect for the conventions in this area as instruments that facilitate the promotion of friendly relations between countries and ensure conditions for international peace and security.

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