Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations

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The Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs, and, with reference to its Note Verbale LA/COD/4 dated 9 April 2010, has the honour to inform it of measures taken by the Government of Madagascar 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 Permanent Mission of Madagascar would like to report that measures currently being taken by the Malagasy Government are consistent with article 22, paragraph 2, of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 18 April 1961.

- Embassies and/or United Nations agencies determine the number of security personnel (National Police or Gendarmerie) that they deem necessary to ensure the security and safety of mission premises or diplomatic residences.
- Permanent contact is maintained between officials of the above-mentioned agencies and the embassies, which are kept informed of any major incidents (areas to be avoided, appropriate travel time).
- For their part, diplomats are required to keep the relevant authorities informed of any trip outside the capital, including destinations, date and duration of trips, so that local authorities can be notified.
- Regular permanently manned security posts are set up outside each diplomatic mission.
- Depending on circumstances (since embassies and missions are very sensitive locations), missions are regularly patrolled by law enforcement personnel.

The Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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