

Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations

The Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretariat and, with reference to its note verbale No. LA/COD/4 of 15 December 2006 concerning the implementation of General Assembly resolution 61/31 entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives" has the honour to transmit Tunisia's response regarding the implementation of paragraph 12 of the resolution.

The Permanent Mission of Tunisia to the United Nations takes this opportunity to convey to the United Nations Secretariat the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

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Response of Tunisia regarding the implementation of paragraph 12 of General Assembly resolution 61/31 on measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives

Regarding serious violations of the security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions:

There have been no reports in Tunisia of any incident or attack on the premises of the entities in question involving damage to the security or safety of such missions or to the personal security of diplomatic or consular officials.

Regarding measures taken to enhance the safety of diplomatic and consular missions and the protection of their representatives:

The authorities responsible for the protection of missions and individuals make use of field studies that take into consideration a range of objective factors, including conditions in the country in question as well as threats that might be made against it for one reason or another. It is on that basis that protection is provided round the clock, at night or during official working hours. This is in addition to a continuing and comprehensive security presence, including various patrols in the vicinity of foreign missions, and extra precautions taken in connection with special occasions, such as a country's national holiday, to ensure rapid and effective intervention in case of need.
