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The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General with reference to LA/COD/4, concerning resolution 61/31 of 4 December 2006 entitled "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives".

The Netherlands draws the attention to the attached Annex which contains its report on the issue of the "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives".

The Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of The Netherlands to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretary-General with reference to resolution 61/31 the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Report of The Netherlands with reference to "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives"/ LA/COD/4

Incidents:

On 9 September 2006 an individual was arrested by the Netherlands Police, because of threats against various high placed offices in The Netherlands, amongst others the American Embassy in The Hague. The accused was brought to justice and was sentenced to 18 months in prison in 2007. He is sentenced for having participated in the commission of preparatory acts leading to murder/ and or homicide with a terrorist purpose.

On 22 December 2006 an unannounced demonstration took place at the Mexican Embassy in The Hague. About 15 protesters proceeded into the Embassy. The protesters declared to support the struggle of the people of Oaxaca against repression and for freedom of expression. They demanded the release of prisoners in Oaxaca and the dismissal of the Governor of Oaxaca. The protesters gained entrance into the Embassy by misleading the Embassy about the purpose of their visit: their excuse was to hold an exhibition of artistic photographs. The police was called and the protesters were escorted out of the Embassy. No damage was done. The Embassy refrained from making an official report of the incident.

On 22 December 2006 the Danish Embassy in The Hague was plastered with paint. Among the stains a text was written on the subject of a building in Copenhagen, in which squatters housed. The text was a protest against the judgment of a Danish Courthouse, dictating the eviction of the building. The offenders have not been traced. Compensation of the damages at the Danish Embassy has been paid by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

On 17 January 2007 the American Embassy received an envelope with two 9mm. cartridges. The provenance of the contents of the envelope has been investigated thoroughly by the National Police. The outcome has not led to an arrest because concrete information was not found.

On 10 May 2007 a number of protesters (calling themselves anarchists) have thrown paint bombs to the German Consulate General in Amsterdam. The protesters called attention to the G8-top in Germany, to be held in June 2007. The Police in Amsterdam have investigated the incident but have not been able to arrest the offenders. Additional security measures have been taken by the security authorities around the Consulate during a limited period. Compensation of the damages at the German Consulate have been paid by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Surveillance and Protection System

The Dutch government's surveillance and protection system divides responsibility for security into two areas: the responsibility of central government, the other of local government. All ambassadors and embassies, consulates- general and consulates and most international organisations are included on the exhaustive list of persons and objects for which central government bears primary responsibility. The Dutch authorities take extra security measures with respect to these persons and buildings on the basis of evaluation of risks or threats. These

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are not standard measures but are tailored to situations which the Dutch security services believe are threatening or high- risk.

Since 2006 the communication on surveillance and protection with the diplomatic objects as well as the international organisations on the exhaustive list, has increased. Direct contact persons have been designated at the Surveillance and Protection Department of the Ministry of Justice, who inform the various organisations and embassies about updates of the threat- and risk analyses, or other threat related information, when required.

An update of the threat analyses on all international Tribunals, international Courts and other international organisations on the exhaustive list in the Netherlands is made every six months. For some (high profile) embassies regular threat analyses are made. Based on these updates, the security measures are being updated regularly.

When threats or risks to the safety of buildings or that of embassies or consulate staff are reported to the government, the authorities will take appropriate measures. These are complementary to the existing measures, which are being taken by the missions and posts themselves to protect their premises.