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The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of the Secretary General of the United Nations and has the honour, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly Resolution 73/205 and in response to the letter from the Secretary General of 29 June 2018 (Reference: LA/COD /4), to state the following:

The Government of Ireland takes extremely seriously all complaints regarding acts of violence against diplomatic missions and representatives located in Ireland.

Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, in collaboration with other relevant Irish authorities, has been in close contact with the Embassy of Turkey regarding the incident of 24 January 2018 referred to in the report submitted to the Office of the Secretary-General by the Permanent Mission of Turkey.

The Government of Ireland hereby affirms that it treated the incident at the Turkish Embassy in Dublin in accordance with its legal obligations under the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations. Ireland's national police force, An Garda Síochána (Ireland's National Police Service), moved swiftly to launch a full investigation following its occurrence. An Garda Síochána also conducted a comprehensive security review of the premises. In May 2019, the Director of Public Prosecutions, who works completely independently of Government, decided not to prosecute those involved.

The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and other relevant Irish authorities continue to take all appropriate measures to ensure the protection, security and safety of Turkey's Embassy and representatives in Ireland.

The Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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