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The Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to submit, in accordance with paragraph 11 of General Assembly Resolution 75/139 entitled “Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security, and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives”, the following information related to the incidents reported by the Russian Federation on 17 May 2022 and circulated as an annex to the Note Verbale of the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations no.LA/COD/4 of 20 June 2022:

Romania is firmly committed to taking all appropriate measures, as required by international law, in a timely manner, for the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, as well as missions and representatives to international intergovernmental organizations and officials of such organizations.

1) Regarding the reported incident of 6 April 2022 caused by a driver who hit the fence of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Romania with his car, followed by his self-immolation, Romania considers it inappropriate and hasty to qualify this incident in any manner.

Romania rejects any attribution of political significance to this tragic accident and appealed to the Embassy of the Russian Federation to show maximum restraint in offering any interpretations before the completion of the investigation of the responsible authorities, which is currently underway.

The Prosecutor's Office attached to the Bucharest Tribunal has opened investigation no. 1542/P/2022 regarding the circumstances in which, on 6 April 2022, the death of a person and the destruction by fire of the car he was driving occurred near the headquarters of the Embassy of the Russian Federation. The contact details of the Prosecutor's Office were made available to the Embassy of the Russian Federation, upon its request, for additional details.

Romania highlights the fact that, following the above-mentioned incident, the physical integrity of the staff of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Romania and that of the building were not affected.

After the incident of 6 April 2022, the General Directorate of Gendarmerie of the Municipality of Bucharest reviewed the risk analysis of the Embassy's physical security. The recommendations of the Gendarmerie were sent to the Embassy of the Russian Federation through Note Verbale no. A1/2221 of 2 May 2022.

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2) Regarding the reported threats sent by e-mail or telephone against the Embassy of the Russian Federation and Russian properties in Romania, Romania emphasizes that the competent national authorities ordered, as early as 24 February 2022, that the security and protection service allocated to the Embassy of the Russian Federation be supplemented.

On 5 March 2022 new measures were adopted to strengthen the protection forces of the Russian diplomatic mission, by assigning a new 24-hour patrol, support and intervention team. These measures to supplement the protection forces were also ordered to respond operatively to the requests of the Embassy of the Russian Federation.

In addition to the enhanced security and protection measures for the Embassy of the Russian Federation, the Protocol Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania requested the Romanian Gendarmerie to increase protection and security measures for the Russian Centre for Science and Culture, The Russian School next to the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Bucharest and the Soviet Soldier Cemetery.

The threats sent by e-mail to the address of the Embassy of the Russian Federation are not confirmed. Following the analysis carried out by the competent authorities, the threats were assessed as not posing a risk to the diplomatic mission.

3) Regarding the reported vandalism of the photography exhibition of the Russian Centre for Science and Culture in Bucharest on 13 March 2020, the competent Police authorities have ordered the start of a criminal investigation for the crime of destruction, under art. 253 para. (1) of the Romanian Criminal Code. The criminal investigation has been submitted to the Prosecutor's Office attached to Bucharest District Court no. 1. To support the conduct of the criminal investigation, the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Romania appointed a legal representative.

The Permanent Mission of Romania to the United Nations kindly requests the inclusion of the above-mentioned information in the report of the Secretary-General to the 77<sup>th</sup> session of the General Assembly under the agenda item "Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security, and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives" and its circulation to all States in accordance with paragraph 12 (b) of General Assembly Resolution 75/139.

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

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