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The Permanent Mission of the State of Qatar to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United Nations Secretary-General, and in reference to his note verbale dated 1 March 2011 (ref. LA/COD/50) regarding General Assembly Resolution 65/20 entitled "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission" has the honour to enclose attached herewith relevant information provided by the Government of the State of Qatar on this issue.

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

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Attachment to the note verbale QUN/634/2011 regarding the views of the State of Qatar on "Criminal accountability of United Nations officials and experts on mission

The government of the State of Qatar strongly supports General Assembly Resolution 65/20. The implementation of its provisions is an essential step towards achieving justice and ensuring that United Nations personnel and experts working in missions are not granted impunity for the criminal acts that they commit while in their duty stations. The government of the State of Qatar is of the view that the articles of this resolution are related to the rules of criminal jurisdiction of the State and the rules of international judicial cooperation. In this regard, the government of the State of Qatar confirms that the general rules of criminal jurisdiction are addressed in Law number 11 of 2004 of the penal code. Articles 12-19 of this Penal Code include the perpetrators of the crime overseas (see attachment). These provisions address the crimes that might be perpetrated by Qatari citizens working as United Nations officials and experts on mission.

Articles 408 to 424 of the 2004 Penal Code provides for the extradition of criminals and international cooperation.

The State of Qatar has participated in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), and no violations or crimes committed by Qataris have been reported.