

Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations

The Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations... and has the honour to refer to [the] note [of the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs] LA/COD/4 of 15 December 2006 concerning the item “Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives”, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 61/31.

II. Measures already taken to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives as well as missions and representatives with diplomatic status to international intergovernmental organizations

In compliance with its international obligations, Mexico has adopted practicable measures to provide protection to the representatives and missions in question. Information on the measures taken was provided in its previous report.

III. Views with respect to measures needed to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives as well as missions and representatives with diplomatic status to international intergovernmental organizations

Diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, as well as missions and representatives with diplomatic status to international intergovernmental organizations need to be protected against well-organized individual criminals or criminal groups which may be extremely difficult to detect and identify. Unfortunately, as we have already seen, these individuals and/or groups may spend weeks or months preparing sophisticated and violent attacks which are carried out in such a way as to increase the loss of human life and the damage to property.

Articles 22, 29 and 30 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and articles 31 and 40 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations provide that the receiving State shall be responsible for protecting the premises of the diplomatic and consular missions within its territory as well as the person of the diplomatic and consular agents. Similarly, articles 1, 2 and 4 of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, includ49(to i)-6.2(n)5ro(lly)-1fc