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The Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and, with reference to memorandum LA/COD/4 of 15 June 2012 concerning the report submitted by Syria on 17 Pe caught in the act. A criminal investigation is under way.

The Belgian authorities are currently examining the options with regard to compensation for the costs incurred as a result of the damage.

Since the break-in and damage to the outside and inside of the building, the embassy of Syria has been kept under constant surveillance by a permanent police presence. The Belgian authorities deploy additional capacity when demonstrations take place in front of the embassy. The residence of the ambassador of Syria is now under increased protection and is frequently patrolled by police.

The Belgian security and justice authorities are following up the issue with all of the necessary attention.

The Permanent Mission of Belgium to the United Nations takes the opportunity to convey to the Secretariat of the United Nations the renewed assurances of its highest consideration.