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The Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and refers to note LA/COD/42 of January 2011, in which States are requested to provide information on violations of the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

To that end, a table showing serious violations of the security of Chilean missions abroad and the measures taken by the Ministry of Foreign Af

Investigation into
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		detail when peaceful demonstrations are scheduled.	
5.	<p>Embassy of Chile in Argentina</p> <p>On 1 September 2011, a group of some 250 persons staged a violent demonstration before the Embassy. They fired pellets, broke windows and threw bags filled with paint.</p>	<p>The attacks were reported to the Argentine Federal Police.</p> <p>The Embassy is in ongoing contact with the local police.</p> <p>The local police provide a security detail when peaceful demonstrations are scheduled.</p>	<p>The Embassy is equipped with such preventive security technology as closed-circuit television, theft alarms, fire alarms, access control and security doors.</p> <p>Documents are inspected using Garrett metal detectors and related inspection procedures.</p>

In response to the string of attacks described above, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile put in place a document inspection procedure that entails the use of a ferrous metal detector. In order to implement this measure, the Ministry acquired 200 Garrett metal detectors and a meticulous document inspection protocol, translated into Spanish, English, French and German, and supplied them to

- 67 embassies
- 50 consulates-general
- 10 career consulates
- 5 consular sections
- 4 consulates
- 5 missions to international organizations
- 50 honorary consulates.

It should be noted that this preventive measure has led to the detection of letter bombs sent to the Embassies in Mexico, Spain and Greece, among others, and to their subsequent deactivation by local police forces.

It should also be noted that in 2010, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, having foreseen this risk, introduced security systems with the features described below as the technical standard for preventive security at all Chilean diplomatic consular and other missions abroad. These systems have the capacity to monitor premises through the General Packet Radio Service (GPRS) communication system, which transmits an activation signal directly to the cellular telephone of the mission's chief security officer, who can then investigate the cause of the activation.

- Closed-circuit television equipped with digital video recorder, infrared cameras and display screens. The system can store images for 30 days and has 30 minutes of reserve power

- Electronic access control and security doors. This feature prevents unauthorized access to the offices. The system is connected to the fire alarm system so that the doors can open while the alarm is activated. It also has reserve power that allows it to run without a direct electrical supply for 24 hours

- A fire alarm system, supplemented by fire extinguishers.