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members of the diplomatic corps and visiting foreign dignitaries in the country. Requests for the deployment of the PSPG to the embassy or consular premises are sent to the Department of Foreign Affairs and considered by its Intelligence and Security Unit.

4. With regard to possible ways forward to enhance the security measures for diplomatic agents and premises, the Philippines recommends the establishment of security units in all receiving States, similar to its PSPG, that specifically cater to the security and protection needs of the members of the diplomatic corps as a better alternative to deploying random personnel from the police or military arm of the government for this purpose. In addition to deployment of permanent and round-the-clock guards at the premises, said unit, equipped with a specific set of training to render surveillance, close-in and escort services to diplomatic agents, can effectively enhance security for the persons of diplomatic agents and thwart unwanted incidents against them.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

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