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## **Sixth Committee**

### **Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives**

#### **Implementation of paragraphs 11, 13 and 14 of General Assembly resolution 75/139 of 15 December 2020**

#### **Input of the Kingdom of Belgium**

In response to the note verbale of the Secretary-General dated 11 January 2022 concerning the consideration of measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives, the Kingdom of Belgium has the honour to convey the following information:

#### **A. Serious violations of the protection, security and safety of diplomatic missions and consular posts in Belgium**

The list below shows the incidents reported to the Protocol Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs where foreign diplomatic missions and consular posts were targeted, as well as the measures taken in response to those incidents. To put this list into perspective, Belgium wishes to highlight that there are no fewer than 300 accredited diplomatic missions and consular posts in its territory, including the permanent missions to international organizations that are headquartered in Belgium.

In **2020**, the following incidents were reported:

- 08.04.2020 - Burkina Faso - Embassy: Theft of a diplomat's vehicle with a CD licence plate
- 24.04.2020 - Turkey - Mission to the European Union - Act of vandalism: Paint on the mission façade
- 15.06.2020 - Cuba - Embassy - Attempted illegal entry into the mission compound: The individual was under the influence of drugs and was arrested by the police.
- 25.07.2020 - Spain - Permanent Mission to the European Union - Acts of vandalism: Graffiti on the walls of the mission
- Greece - Embassy - Mission staff were harassed, threatened and insulted by an individual.
- 11.07.2020 - Bangladesh - Embassy - Burglary at a diplomat's private residence
- 19.07.2020 - Azerbaijan - Embassy - Illegal entry into the inner compound of the Embassy: The flag was stolen and the flagpole broken.
- 23.07.2020 - Azerbaijan - Embassy - Incidents during a demonstration by the Armenian community in front of the Embassy: The Embassy of Azerbaijan had also authorized a gathering of Azerbaijani nationals in its compound. Despite a large police operation, the

action, calling for additional reinforcements, driving back the demonstrators after projectiles were thrown and making sure that the Azerbaijani demonstrators could leave the Embassy compound safely. To prevent any incident, police officers accompanied them back to their cars, in groups of five.

- 12.08.2020 - Czech Republic - Embassy - Burglary at a diplomat's residence
- 22.08.2020



- 14.06.2021 - Cameroon - Embassy - Illegal entry into the Embassy by activists
- 22.06.2021 - Italy - Permanent delegation to NATO - Attempted burglary at a diplomat's residence: The individuals forced the front door of the apartment; the diplomat's wife was at home and the individuals fled without taking anything.
- 04.07.2021 - Palestine - Mission to the European Union - Act of vandalism: Red paint was daubed on the façade and an insult was written on it in Arabic.
- 28.07.2021 - Turkey - Mission to the European Union - Theft of a vehicle with a CD licence plate, opposite a diplomat's residence
- 03.08.2021 - Bulgaria - Permanent Mission to the European Union - Theft at a diplomat's residence
- 08.08.2021 - Belarus - Embassy: An individual set fire to the entrance door of the consular section.
- Uganda - Embassy - Cyberbullying directed at the Ambassador
- 02.09.2021 - Pakistan - Embassy - Burglary at the residence of an administrative and technical staff member
- 07.09.2021 - Ireland - Embassy - Burglary at the Ambassador's residence: The individual scaled the outer wall and tried unsuccessfully to enter the house through the garage. He ended up stealing some garden furniture.
- 10.09.2021 - Bangladesh - Embassy - Theft of an official laptop computer from a car with a CD licence plate
- 12.09.2021 - Iran - Embassy - Acts of vandalism committed as part of a smear campaign: Posters and photos were affixed to the outer railings of the Embassy. The perpetrators filmed the scene and shared the video on social media. The police were contacted and quickly arrived at the premises to order the individuals concerned to take down the materials.
- 01.10.2021 - Belarus - Embassy - The Embassy received an email stating that a bomb had been placed on mission premises. The necessary security measures were taken. It was in fact a false alert.
- Mali - Embassy - Occupation of the official residence by squatters while work was being carried out
- 21.11.2021 - Latvia - Embassy - Damage to an official car and to fixtures on the outer façade of the mission, caused during a demonstration against health measures
- 24.11.2021 - Costa Rica - Embassy: Two individuals (a man and a woman) went to the dance academy where the daughter of the Ambassador is a student, pretending to be her parents and asking to see her. The girl had already left the class.
- 18.12.2021 - Poland - Permanent Mission to the European Union - Act of vandalism: A group of 80 people gathered to demonstrate in front of the mission premises. Stickers with slogans relating to the situation on the border between Poland and Belarus were affixed to the façade.
- 24.12.2021 - Kazakhstan - Embassy - Burglary at a diplomat's apartment
- Myanmar - Embassy - Theft of a security camera from the mission by two individuals

In the **first few months of 2022**, the following incidents were reported:



