

PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations ... and, with reference to the [Secretary-General's] communication LA/COD/4, dated 12 January 2011, has the honour to convey the comments of the competent Iraqi authorities concerning General Assembly resolution 65/30, paragraphs 10, 12 and 13.

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1. Taking advantage of the weakness of the security services, which were being reorganized in 2003, 2005 and 2006, terrorists carried out closely spaced successive attacks against the premises of diplomatic missions and their staff.
2. Examples of those attacks include car bombings, the abduction of some ambassadors and the firing of shots at diplomatic motorcades in 2003, 2005-2007 and 2010.
3. The security forces of the Ministry of the Interior were restructured, with a view to creating a force that is suited to fulfilling its primary responsibility, namely, protecting the premises of diplomatic missions and ensuring the safety of mission staff as they move outside their missions' premises.
4. After the overall restructuring of the security forces, including the police directorate responsible for the protection of diplomatic premises, had been completed, a number of measures were taken to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives. No security breaches have occurred and terrorists have not been allowed to threaten or attack the premises of any diplomatic mission or international organization in Baghdad.

17. Diplomatic missions should provide the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with detailed information regarding the measures they take when the perpetrators of serious violations take refuge in their countries. They should also inform Iraq of any developments with regard to the aforementioned measures, as well as with regard to measures taken to prevent such violations.

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