Mexico

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

On 11 October 2008, two individuals are alleged to have fired on and thrown a fragmentation grenade at the building housing the Consulate of the United States of America in the city of Monterrey, Nuevo León.

Officials of the Office of the Attorney General of Mexico (PGR) reported that, in addition to the damage done to the building by the impact of the bullet, six .45 millimetre calibre cartridges were found at the scene, along with the abovementioned grenade that failed to detonate.

The PGR officials in Monterrey launched a preliminary investigation to identify the persons responsible for the crimes of violation of the Federal Act on Firearms and Explosives and damage to property.

With regard to the ongoing preliminary investigation, the competent authorities have been conducting their investigations (including inspections, expert evidence and collection of witness testimony) with a view to establishing the identity of the alleged perpetrators. To date, however, no arrests have been made.