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Permanent Mission of Algeria to the United Nations

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The Permanent Mission of Algeria presents its compliment to the Secretariat of the United Nations and, with reference to Notes LA/COD/4 of 15/06/2012 and 27/11/2012 by the Secretariat concerning the incident involving the Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic, has the honour to transmit herewith, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 65/30, a note on the aforementioned event and on measures taken by the Government of Algeria following the incident.

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Note on the incident of 4 February 2012 involving the Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic in Algiers

- 1. On 4 February 2012, an incident took place at the Embassy of the Arab Republic of Syria in Algiers, followed by threats against the Ambassador, diplomatic mission staff and families and an Algerian staff member.
- 2. On the date just mentioned, a group of 17 Syrian nationals gathered in front of the main entrance of the Embassy of the Syrian Arab Republic in Algiers and attempted to storm the building. Police officers who were present intervened in order to disperse them and deny them access to the mission.
- 3. A few moments later, the Embassy's head of public relations approached with the information that three Syrian nationals had trespassed and removed the Syrian flag, replacing it with that of the opposition movement.

- 4. The Syrian Consul, who was also on the premises, chose not to lodge a complaint immediately afterward without the authorization of the Syrian authorities.
- 5. After police officers were transferred to Embassy headquarters, a senior official of the diplomatic mission stated that the Ambassador did not wish to lodge an official complaint, as an incident report was being sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic.
- 6. Finally, the police force of the prefecture of Algiers reported the incident to the Prosecutor of the Republic attached to the relevant court (in the town of Bir Mourad Rais).

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