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The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Office of Legal Affairs and refers to the letter of reference I/O/CP/11.1 dated 19 Feb 2011, in which information pursuant to data received from the United States of America, effective measures to enhance the protection of diplomatic and consular missions and consular missions and consular officers and staff are requested. The following comments are submitted:

Brazil has always been a firm supporter of the principle of the inviolability of diplomatic and consular missions and consular officers and staff, as per Article 22 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and Article 31 of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, which are part of customary international law. Assuring this protection is essential for the effective performance of diplomatic and consular functions. The Government of Brazil has always been a firm supporter of the principle of the inviolability of consular missions, consular officers and staff.

The Brazilian Government has entrusted the role of protecting the premises of diplomatic missions located in Brasilia to a specialized division of the police force, the Military Police of the Federal District – the “Rio Branco” Battalion. The security services provided by the Battalion are grounded in the Brazilian legal system and are considered appropriate for Brasilia, given its unique characteristics and circumstances.

Today, the Brazilian Government recognizes 127 consulates in Brasilia. Except for a few non-resident missions, most of those are in areas designated for diplomatic use. The Brazilian Government allows for circumstances that justify the presence of the missions in the city.

The “Rio Branco” Battalion operates proactively and continuously, utilizing vehicles, foot patrols, and surveillance. It also invests in crime prevention programs and community relations, promoting educational activities, lectures, and training. Civilian security systems of consulates are supervised by specific personnel.

Security reinforcement is provided, such as the holding of elections or national celebrations and in cooperation with intelligence organizations.

Due to the commitment of the Brazilian Government to the premises of the diplomatic incidents in which the sovereignty of Brazil have been

The Permanent Mission of Brazil to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations, in various occasions, the assurances of its interest consideration

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