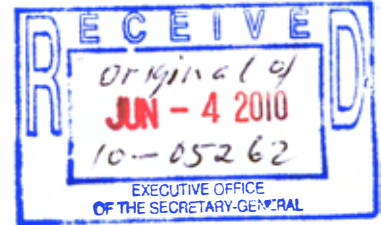




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Portugal



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Excellency,

In the context of General Assembly Resolution 62/67 of 8 January 2008, please find attached Portugal's comments regarding "Diplomatic Protection".

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Ambassador

His Excellency
Mr. Ban Ki-moon
Secretary-General of the United Nations
New York



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Portugal's comments concerning the item
"Diplomatic Protection"
General Assembly Resolution 62/67 of 8 January 2008

The completion by the International Law Commission of 19 draft articles on Diplomatic Protection in less than ten years since the topic was first identified as suitable for codification and progressive development proves that the topic indeed was ripe and adequate for that purpose and that it is a useful institute in contemporary international relations.

Portugal had already the occasion to welcome the development as well as the recommendation by the Commission for the elaboration of a convention on the basis of the draft articles.

Portugal is in agreement with the draft articles in general and with their suitability for an international convention, regardless of the fact that during the debates of the Sixth Committee where the topic has been discussed we voiced some disagreement with regard to certain aspects, in particular concerning both the scope of the draft articles as well as its particular contents.