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Oggetto: Re: Message from Eleni Lianidou

Dear colleagues,

Goodmorning and my warmest greetings from Greece,

where I am spending my summer vacations.

Having recently faced an unprecedented challenge deriving from the fact that we have recently received false accusations concerning the status or the working conditions of our local employees and whereas the Embassy has operated until today with full respect of the Brazilian Law and has always functioned in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961, I would greatly appreciate if you could inform me if there are any relevant cases concerning our eu embassies in brasilia in the past, including false accusations, legal suits or unfounded reports to the local authorities.

The Embassy has always respected the Brazilian Law and has suffered tremendously by the murder of the Greek Ambassador Kyriakos Amoiridis in December 2016, by a military police officer Sergio Gomes Oliveira, who strangled the Ambassador before burning his body in a rented car in Rio de Janeiro. It is therefore a case of concern for me that false accusations, appearing even in newspaper articles, are used as a mean of putting presure personally on myself and the Embassy itself, that should be treated with outmost caution and respect in order to avoid triggering, based on unfounded allegations, any kind of hatred, anger and unjust attacks against the diplomats of our Mission.

I have examined carefully these accusations based on one-sided, incorrect and defamation allegations, regarding the employment status of the Embassy s local employees and I have found out that the previous accountant have made false registrations and have realised that recent cases of a contract of 2 year fixed term that has recently expired and have not been renewed, that was falsely presented as an open ended contract solely for higher compensation rights, as well as two other contracts of 2 year fixed term now in the process of evaluation, which are also examined carefully, due to the fact that these employees failed to pay and are in arrears for more than 6 years for their part of responsibilities to the insurance competent authorities of Brazil.

Please, kindly respond to my email about your up to date experiences on similar matters and what you would advise me to do, based on yor experience.

Your rsponse and advise would be greatly appreciated,
since I newly arrived in brasilia and never faced a similar situation,
during 35 years of my diplomatic career.

Besr regards and greetings to all

Eleni

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Πρέσβυς της Ελλάδος στη Βραζιλία,