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Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

The General Assembly, in its resolution 61/133 of 14 December 2006, requested the Secretary-General to submit at its sixty-second session a comprehensive and updated report of the Secretary-General on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel and on the implementation of that resolution. The present report provides updates on the threats against the safety and security of humanitarian and United Nations personnel over the last year and on the implementation of requests and recommendations to the Secretary-General, as reflected in resolution 61/133, that fall under the purview of the Department of Safety and Security.

The report highlights significant challenges and threats to the security and safety of humanitarian and United Nations personnel and ongoing measures to ensure respect for the human rights, privileges and immunities of humanitarian and United Nations personnel according to relevant international instruments. Focusing on ongoing efforts to promote a culture of security consciousness within the Organization, conformity with security standards, security collaboration and accountability at all levels, the report calls for international collective responsibility, according to international laws and principles, to ensure the safety and security of humanitarian and United Nations personnel.

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