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**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE
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Introduction

The Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan (the “Embassy”) proposes to construct gates for existing fence and driveway at its chancery at 2741 34th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., in the R-1-A zone. As described below, this application complies with section 205 of the Foreign Missions Act (22 USC § 4305) and Chapter 10 of the Zoning Regulations.

Description of Proposed Use

The Embassy proposes to construct gates for existing fence and driveway at its chancery. The gates designed to stop intruders prior to reaching the property.

The proposal includes 2 sliding entrance and exit gates on 34th Street on 2 ends of the existing U shape drive way attaching to the exiting perimeter fence. Proposal also includes a 3’ wide pedestrian gate located between two sliding gates. Total length of proposed gates will be 36’ with the overall height of 6’.

These gates are vital to the protection of the Embassy, its diplomats, personnel, and visitors to the site. Most often, passing by drivers who intend to do a U turn, enter the embassy’s driveway and block the entrance to Embassy’s parking area.

The Embassy has been the subject of several threats recently and was advised by the United States Secret Service to construct gates for existing fence and driveway at its chancery for security reasons.

The proposed security enhancement is consistent with the Foreign Missions Act and the Zoning Regulations.

The Foreign Missions Act, 22 USCA § 4301 (the “Act”), and Chapter 10 of the D.C. Zoning Regulations (the “Regulations”) govern the location, replacement and expansion of chanceries. The proposed security enhancement in this application is consistent with both the Act and the Regulations.

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