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The Department of State acknowledges receipt of a note dated March 19, 2015, from the Apostolic Nunciature, regarding its proposal to enhance security by erecting a fence around its Chancery and residence located at 3339 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, in the District of Columbia.

The Department approves the above renovation project with the understanding that the Embassy will comply with local building codes and regulations, and will obtain all necessary permits from the Government of the District of Columbia. The Department understands that this project will be submitted to the Foreign Mission Board of Zoning Adjustment (FMBZA). More information regarding the FMBZA process can be found on the Department's website at <http://www.state.gov/ofm/property/bza/index.htm>. The cover letter for the FMBZA application is enclosed.

In connection with this project, the Embassy is reminded it may request authorization from the Department for its contractors and subcontractors to use the Embassy's mission tax exemption card for project-related goods and materials. More information regarding Purchasing Agent Arrangements can be found on the following website: <http://www.state.gov/ofm/property/constructiontax/index.htm>.

Pursuant to the *Greening Diplomacy Initiative*, the Department encourages all foreign missions to consider sustainable practices in their operations and when undertaking new construction or major renovation efforts at their facilities in the United States. A unique resource available to assist embassies is the *District of Columbia's Greening Embassies Forum*. This *Forum* is a partnership between the Department, the *Earth Day Network*, and participating embassies and international organizations, which is focused on encouraging and realizing sustainable practices across the diplomatic community. Additional information concerning the *Forum* is available at www.state.gov/green or by looking up DC Greening Embassies Forum on Facebook.

The Embassy is encouraged to contact the Office of Foreign Missions if it has any questions regarding the FMBZA process or anything else regarding this matter at 202-895-3500, extension 5, or OFMProperty@state.gov.

Enclosure:

As stated.

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Department of State,

Washington, April 8, 2015.



United States Department of State

Office of Foreign Missions

Washington, D.C. 20520

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RE: BZA Application
Apostolic Nunciature
3339 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

Dear Ms. Bardin:

This letter transmits for filing an application from Apostolic Nunciature to the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) for review of its application to improve security by erecting a fence around its chancery at 3339 Massachusetts Avenue, NW.

We certify that the Apostolic Nunciature has complied with Section 205 of the Foreign Missions Act (22 USC § 4305). Accordingly, pursuant to the Supplemental Rules of Practice and Procedure for the Board of Zoning Adjustment and Section 206 (b) of the Foreign Missions Act, the Embassy may submit its application to the BZA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clifton C. Seagroves".

Clifton C. Seagroves
Assistant Director for Diplomatic
Property, Taxes, Services & Benefits