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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Diplomatic Missions, Career Consular Posts and Offices of International Organisations in Sweden and, with reference to its note of 16 November 2007 on the Swedish rules regarding surveillance cameras, has the honour to convey the following additional information.

Because of questions posed by some Diplomatic Missions, the Ministry has sought a statement from the Stockholm County Administrative Board as to whether Embassies can be exempt from the application fee when applying for a public surveillance camera licence.

In the statement that has now been submitted by the Board, the conclusion is that Embassies are exempt from the application fee in accordance with article 23(1) of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (i.e. the chancery and residence of the Ambassador). Correspondingly, it would seem that Career Consular Posts are exempt from the said fee under article 32 of the 1963 Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. An International Organisation would be exempt from the fee provided that the applicable agreement provides for an exemption from taxes and dues of its premises.

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The Ministry for Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Diplomatic Missions, Career Consular Posts and Offices of International Organisations in Sweden the assurances of its highest consideration.

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