

## Box 17.1 PROTECTING US DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS (*Continued*)

security of the post, including access control, personnel protection, and protection of sensitive classified information and equipment.<sup>iv</sup> The MSG reports to the ambassador through the RSO. In times of heightened tension in which the embassy is temporarily closed, the MSG, RSO, and other core staff will continue to maintain on-site security. Exterior security is governed by the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, which established the inviolability of the foreign mission and the receiving state's "duty to take all appropriate steps to protect the premises of the mission against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of the mission or impairment of its dignity."<sup>v</sup>

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v. Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961, Article 22, [http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/texts/instruments/english/conventions/9\\_1\\_1961.pdf](http://untreaty.un.org/ilc/texts/instruments/english/conventions/9_1_1961.pdf).