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## STATEMENT

With reference to the recent news report regarding the employment conditions at this diplomatic mission during the period 2010-2014, the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations wishes to observe that:

- The visa status of all members of the diplomatic, technical and service staff of the Mission, whether religious or lay, was fully in line with the applicable provisions of U.S. State Department regulations.
- The remuneration received by the members of the service staff of the Mission at the time was higher than the minimum salary required at the time by the laws of New York and included a generous compensation package (contributions on a pension fund, health and dental insurance, a 13<sup>th</sup> month benefit, a fully furnished apartment, a full month's paid vacation and daily meals)."

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