

Note No **A150/07**

Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office presents its compliments to certain Diplomatic Missions and certain International Organisations and has the honour to inform them that the Directorate has received details of all unpaid fixed penalty notices and parking fines issued by Councils in London and the Central Driving Offences Unit (who record police issued traffic tickets).

A list of all parking fines incurred by members of your Mission/International Organisation for the period 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006 is enclosed. The Directorate is sending these lists so that the mission or staff may either pay the amounts requested or query the details of the fines, if there is a valid reason for doing so. The deadline for receipt of payment for these outstanding fines is **Friday 18 May**. Details of outstanding, undisputed parking fines at that date will be given in a statement to Parliament.

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When paying outstanding fines, please enclose details of the ticket number and date of the fine the payment refers to. Cheques for Council-issued tickets should be made payable to the relevant issuing Council i.e. penalty notices issued by the City of Westminster should be made payable to "City of Westminster" and cheques for police-issued penalty notices should be made payable to "The Justice Clerk". A list of payees is enclosed for reference. Cheques should be sent by Friday 18 May to:

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In the case of any disputed fines which appear on the attached list, please write, giving full details of why the fine is disputed, to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]. The fine in dispute will be noted.

As you will be aware, Article 41(1) of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations requires members of diplomatic missions to respect the laws of the country to which they are accredited. This includes, of course, the prompt payment of undisputed parking fines.

Protocol Directorate of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office avails itself of this opportunity to renew to certain Diplomatic Missions and International Organisations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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