INFORMATION NOTE
Collection of Badges for COP 15/CMP 5

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change secretariat wishes to inform participants of the current arrangements regarding the registration procedures to attend the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) and the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 5) which will take place at the Bella Center from 7 to 18 December 2009.

Party representatives

Delegation members who have previously attended sessions of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol may have their badges collected by a member of the delegation from their diplomatic mission.

Representatives who have not participated in previous sessions of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol are welcome to process their registration at the Bella Centre from Tuesday, 1 December, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. On Sunday, 6 December, registration will be open until 9:00 p.m. In addition, on Wednesday, 16 and Thursday, 17 December, the registration desk will be open until 9:00 p.m. to allow the entourage accompanying their Heads of State and Heads of Government to process their registrations.

Intergovermental and Non-governmental observer organizations (IGOs/NGOs)

Further to the communication which you received from the UNFCCC Executive Secretary dated 25 November 2009, please note that IGOs/NGOs will have the possibility to register at the Bella Centre from Tuesday, 1 December onwards except for the mornings of Monday, 7 and Wednesday, 16 December when the registration desk will be closed for IGOs/NGOs until 12 noon.

Badges, security on the premises and registration of youths

Badges are required for participants to gain access to the premises. They are issued only on the basis of a letter of nomination from Parties, observer States or admitted observer organizations.

Representatives should ensure that their badges are visible at all the times. The United Nations Department of Safety and Security will be conducting random checks throughout the premises. The secretariat counts on the cooperation of all participants to ensure the smooth action of these procedures.

Parties may include youth between the ages of 15 to 18 years old in their delegations. They will be responsible for the safety, security and welfare of the youth participants in their delegation.

Observer organizations that have included youth participants should inform the secretariat, submit their medical insurance information and sign a general undertaking with the secretariat. These participants should be escorted by their designated guardians/chaperons.
Please note that double registration at the sessions is not permitted (i.e. as State representative and observer organisation representative, or as State representative or observer organization representative and press/media representative).

Any individual found inside the conference premises without a badge or holding another person’s badge or with a counterfeit badge, will be considered an intruder and will be referred to the Danish Police for further action in accordance with paragraph 264 of the Danish penal code, which provides that any person found guilty of trespassing on private property shall be liable to a prison term of up to 6 months.