UN Security guidelines related to media actions, distribution of publicity materials, and use of UN emblem at the UNFCCC conferences

Media actions

- Media actions and publicity events in the designated areas (NGO spots) authorized by the Observer Organizations Liaison Officer are permitted.

- No actions inside plenary rooms and conference rooms are allowed.

- Concealing identity with masks is not allowed.

- No impersonated objects (i.e. satirical drawings of Heads of States, negotiators, individuals) are allowed.

- Smooth flow of crowd and an appropriate level of sound that is acceptable to other participants should be maintained, in consultation with the Observer Organizations Liaison Officer if necessary.

- No activity derisory to the UN, any of their Member States, organizations or any individual or criticism that would go against basic rules of decorum is allowed.

- UN Security reserves the right to revoke previously issued permissions for media actions any time if the security conditions so require.

Distribution of publicity materials

- While the secretariat encourages you to join the efforts to make the conference greener, publicity materials (e.g. leaflets, publications, boards, banners, etc) that are clearly attributable to admitted observer organizations or Parties and relevant to the negotiation process may be posted or displayed at the designated exhibits stands. Limited space for publications from those without exhibit stands can be displayed at the ‘inSide climate change’ publications counters. Please refer to the contact details in the information brochures.

- Distribution of material outside these areas is prohibited, including in the cafeteria and other public spaces.

- Inside the conference rooms, any documents for statements for distribution must be authorized by the secretariat. Please contact Observer Organizations Liaison Officer.

- Materials containing abusive or offensive language or images are not permitted on United Nations premises.
• Material for display should be clearly attributable to one of the Parties, UN organizations or to the observer organizations duly admitted by the Conference of the Parties.

Use of the United Nations emblem

• Use of the United Nations emblem on non-official documents and publications, including publicity material is expressly prohibited.

• UNFCCC and Meeting logos may be authorized by the secretariat.

• The United Nations flag may not be displayed in meeting rooms, except with the authorization of the Secretary-General.

Measures

• Kindly note that the secretariat and the UN Security reserve the right to take the following measures for non-observance of the above:

  a) confiscation of the representative’s accreditation badge;
  b) removal of the representative from the United Nations premises;
  c) confiscation of unauthorized material;
  d) any other measure deemed appropriate or necessary.

These UN Security guidelines are to be read in conjunction with the “Guidelines for the participation of representatives of non-governmental organizations at meetings of the bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change” and the “Use of cameras and audio/video recording devices by participants at sessions of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and other meetings and workshops” available on the UNFCCC official website.