

## **Guidelines for the participation of observers at meetings of the plenary and the branches of the Compliance Committee of the Kyoto Protocol**

### **A. Access**

1. Only persons whose names have been communicated to the secretariat through the national focal point of a Party or the designated contact points of observers admitted to sessions of the Conference of the Parties, in accordance with Article 7, paragraph 6, of the Convention, and other persons who register on or before the deadline for registration for each meeting of the Compliance Committee and its branches (registered observers) shall receive a badge.
2. Badges issued at registration shall be worn visibly at all times.
3. Participants shall be prepared to verify their identity upon the request of United Nations officials or security staff.
4. Observers shall normally be at least 18 years of age. Younger representatives may be registered at the discretion of the secretariat.

### **B. Etiquette and safety**

1. Registered observers shall cooperate with, and comply with requests and instructions from, United Nations officials and security staff regarding the use of facilities and access to and conduct within the venue.
2. No participant shall harass or threaten any member or alternate member of the Compliance Committee, any United Nations official or any other participant.
3. Interfering with the movement of members and alternate members of the Committee, United Nations officials and other participants at any time or location within the venue is not permitted.
4. The flags and any officially recognized symbols of the United Nations and of its member States shall be treated with respect.

### **C. Participation**

1. Observers will not interfere in any way with the conduct of the meeting and will not make contact with members or alternate members of the Committee while the session is ongoing.
2. Observers who are in the room where the meeting of the plenary or the branches is being held shall leave the room when the plenary or the facilitative or enforcement branch decides to hold the meeting in private.

## **D. Information materials**

1. Only United Nations officials may distribute materials in official meeting rooms.
2. Observers shall refrain from using the venue of the meeting for unauthorized demonstrations, and when distributing written materials shall respect other participants' social, cultural, religious or other opinions and refrain from personal attacks.

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