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UNFCCC 'zero-tolerance' policy on the acceptance of gifts

The UNFCCC secretariat has adopted, in line with the standards of conduct for international civil servants, the policy of the United Nations Headquarters of a 'zero tolerance' policy for the acceptance of any gifts whatsoever, including those of minor value such as small chocolates, pens, calendars etc.

We would be grateful for your adhering to the above principle and refraining from dedicating any gifts to the secretariat.

Thank you for your understanding.

Excerpt from the UN Supplier Code of Conduct:

20. Gifts and Hospitality: The UN has a "zero tolerance" policy and does not accept any type of gift or any offer of hospitality. The UN will not accept any invitations to sporting or cultural events, offers of holidays or other recreational trips, transportation, or invitations to lunches or dinners. The UN expects its suppliers not to offer any benefit such as free goods or services, employment or sales opportunity to a UN staff member in order to facilitate the suppliers' business with the UN.