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## MESSAGE TO PARTIES AND OBSERVERS

## VISA INFORMATION

## United Nations Climate Change Conference 5–15 June 2023, Bonn, Germany

The secretariat refers to the <u>Information Notes</u> of 22 February 2023 regarding the opening of the online registration system for the forthcoming fifty-eighth sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SB 58).

Further to the information notes, the secretariat wishes to reiterate that all foreign delegates entering Germany must have a valid passport. Participants from foreign delegations in possession of a valid passport and requiring a visa are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate consular authorities as soon as possible following receipt of the Acknowledgement Letter, as the issuance of a visa for Schengen States may take up to several weeks from the date of submission of the visa application.

To facilitate the issuance of a visa, a copy of the acknowledgment letter from the online registration system must be attached to the visa application. As a reminder, to facilitate the processing of visas, please ensure that accurate information is provided in the online registration system. It is imperative that a correct and unique email address be provided for each delegate for the swift processing of registration confirmations. Participants are further advised that obtaining a Schengen visa is contingent on the participant securing comprehensive insurance that covers their entire stay.

Climate change conferences have attracted increasing amounts of interest from a high number of participants. Therefore, it is important to carefully manage the number of participants attending the conference. The security and safety of the participants, the capacity of the premises as well as the services available all necessitate the effective management of the level of participation at any time at the conference centre.

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The secretariat would therefore like to kindly request that Parties, observers and non-Party stakeholders help to make this conference successful by ensuring that your delegation is composed only of essential representatives.

Finally, the secretariat would like to remind Parties and observers that there are no registration or general costs to participate in UN climate change conferences.

For more information, please visit the English language website of the German Federal Foreign Office at <u>https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/visabestimmungen-node</u> (which is also available in a number of other languages) and the website of the German Mission that will handle the visa application.

