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Update on the German regulations applicable to in-person meetings held in Bonn

As a follow-up to the [communication of 1 February 2022 regarding in-person meetings held in Bonn](#), I am pleased to provide an update on the current situation regarding COVID-19 regulations set by the German Government and the impact on in-person meetings.

As of 3 March 2022, no State or region is considered a high-risk COVID-19 area until further notice. Consequently, all meeting participants travelling to Bonn currently face the same entry requirements and will be asked to present proof that they are vaccinated, have recently recovered, or have tested negative for the virus.

For full details on the requirements for acceptable proof of vaccination, recovery or testing, please consult with the relevant German diplomatic mission in or with responsibility for your country. In order to facilitate the participation, the secretariat has inquired if our German host could grant exceptions for the certain types of vaccines for entry into Germany for participants in official UNFCCC events. We are awaiting further clarification on this point.

As of 19 March 2022, it is possible to convene meetings if measures are in place to ensure compliance with all applicable German COVID-19 regulations. Based on the guidance from the German Government, the secretariat is currently preparing for the upcoming SB56 session (6 to 16 June 2022) as in-person meeting without physical distancing requirements, but ensuring health and safety measures are in place within the venue (mask, sanitizers, etc). Participants will have to be vaccinated with the German vaccines requirement, recovered or ensure daily testing. Masks will need to be worn indoors in most instances. Further details for the SB session will be outlined in the coming days on our [UNFCCC](#) webpage. The secretariat will continue to monitor the evolving situation and host country regulations for changes to the upcoming SB sessions.

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As the regulations are under constant review and subject to change by national authorities, it is strongly recommended to enquire with the German diplomatic mission regarding current entry regulations when planning a journey.

My team and I will do our utmost to ensure that meetings are organized in a way that will facilitate discussions being held and comply with host country regulations. As always, I would like to express my appreciation for your engagement and understanding during this evolving period, and I look forward to welcoming you to Bonn soon.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed by)

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