

## Use of Cameras and Audio/Video Recording Devices by Participants at Meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity<sup>1,2</sup>

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1. The taking of still photographs and making of audio or video recordings within a United Nations-designated meeting venue is subject to the guidelines below and, as required, other guidance or instructions deemed necessary by the Secretariat or UN Security.

### Taking Still Photographs

2. Still photographs may be taken by meeting participants within public areas, such as lobbies and corridors, and in meeting rooms provided that such activities do not disrupt the activities or movements of other participants or the security provisions of that area.

3. Parties and observer organizations are requested to please include on their delegation list any professional or commercial still photographers that may be accompanying them, and to provide information to the Secretariat on the purpose of the photographic assignment. Once approved by the Secretariat, the still photographer will be assisted by Secretariat staff on site to complete their assignments, including an escort by Secretariat or security staff into meeting rooms or other areas should this be requested.

### Making Video and Audio Recordings

4. Video and audio recordings may be made by participants in public areas, such as lobbies and corridors, provided that such activities do not disrupt the activities or movements of other participants or the security provisions of that area, and those making such recordings have the permission of those they wish to record.

5. Audio and video recordings by Party or observer organization participants during open and closed official meetings, including contact groups, and in designated high-security zones, is not permitted. Webcasts will be available for meetings of the Conference of the Parties and its working groups through the Secretariat website.

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<sup>1</sup> These guidelines also apply to the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Biosafety Protocol and its subsidiary bodies.

<sup>2</sup> These guidelines are intended for government and observer organization delegations and do not change or replace current policies and arrangements regarding the use of cameras, radio or TV equipment by accredited media organizations at CBD meetings.

6. Parties and observer organizations are requested to please include on their delegation list any professional or commercial audio, video or film producers and technicians that may be accompanying them, and to provide information to the Secretariat on the purpose of the photographic assignment. Once approved by the Secretariat, these people will be assisted by Secretariat staff on site to complete their assignments, including an escort by Secretariat or security staff into meeting rooms or other areas should this be requested.

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