

Preparatory Commission for the entry into force of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas beyond National Jurisdiction and the convening of the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Agreement

Organizational meeting

New York, 24-26 June 2024

Registration information

States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law Of the Sea

I. Participation

1. In resolution 78/272 of 24 April 2024, the General Assembly decided to establish a Preparatory Commission (“the Commission”). In accordance with paragraph 4 of the resolution, the Commission shall be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

II. Credentials

2. States are kindly invited to deliver the credentials of their representatives to the Commission and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, to the Office of Legal Affairs, located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building. The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

3. A scanned copy of the credentials, as well as other communications containing the names of the representatives to the Commission (such as letters and notes verbales from the Permanent Missions), should only be submitted through the online platform “e-Credentials”, under the tab “BBNJ Agreement Preparatory Commission”, which can be accessed through the e-deleGATE portal <https://edelegate.un.int>. **Email submissions of scanned copies of the credentials will not be accepted.** For any questions, please contact: ecredentials@un.org.

III. Issuance of United Nations grounds passes

4. To obtain United Nations grounds passes, Permanent Missions in New York may submit their requests via the online “e-Registration system” at <https://edelegate.un.int>. Information regarding the e-Registration system can be

found at <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings>. Online requests for registration to the organizational meeting of the Commission must be received by **7 June 2024**.

5. Those which do not have a permanent mission or office in New York or have not enrolled in the e-Registration system should follow the registration procedure below to obtain a United Nations grounds pass.

- i. Submit a letter to the Protocol and Liaison Service (see details below), stamped and signed by the head of chancery or an authorized official, with the names and functional titles of the delegation attending the meeting. In addition, the letter must include a name and an official email address of the focal point handling the request(s).

Ms. Beatrix Kania
Chief of Protocol
Protocol and Liaison Service
Att. Ms. Wai Tak Chua

- ii. Complete an SG.6 form for each member of the delegation (the SG.6 form can be found at <https://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings>).
- iii. Send both the letter and the SG.6 form to the Protocol and Liaison Service by email to unprotocol@un.org, copied to chuaw@un.org.
- iv. Send a copy of the letter to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (Att. Mr. Fernando Cabrera Diaz, email: fernando.cabrera@un.org, copied to doalos@un.org).

6. Requests for registration following this procedure must be received by **3 June 2024**. The Secretariat will not be in a position to process late registrations.

7. The focal point will be notified of the registration approval(s) via email. A hard copy of that email must be presented by the participant together with a valid passport or government photo ID to the United Nations Pass and Identification Unit (located on the ground floor of the FF Building, at 320 E. 45th Street) for the issuance of a United Nations grounds pass.

8. The organizational meeting of the Preparatory Commission will be held in person at United Nations Headquarters in New York. It will not be possible to follow this meeting virtually.

IV. List of participants

9. The Secretariat will compile a list of participants at the organizational meeting of the Commission, and make it available on the website of the Agreement. For this purpose, Permanent Missions are kindly requested to enter the names of additional members of their delegations participating in the organizational meeting into the “e-List of Participants” module in the e-deleGATE portal by **7 June 2024**.