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The Secretariat of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to inform the States Parties and signatories to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities that the 16th session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 13 to 15 June 2023, in accordance with Rule 1.4 of the provisional rules of the Conference as well as the decision by the 15th session of the Conference adopted on 16 June 2022.

All States Parties are kindly requested to forward credentials issued by the Head of State or Government, Minister for Foreign Affairs or other competent authorities as follows: (1) scanned copy of the credentials to be submitted through the online platform "e-Credentials" through the e-DELEGATE portal by <u>1 June 2023</u>; and (2) original copy of the credentials to be submitted to the secretariat at the Conference prior to the opening of the 16th session on 13 June 2023.

Furthermore, all States Parties are kindly requested to notify the secretariat if their delegations have specific accessibility requirements such as wheelchair access, hearing loops usage, documentation in Braille, large print or sign language usage via <u>enable@un.org</u> no later than **1 May 2023**, in order to ensure accessibility for all participants.

More information concerning the 16th session of the Conference of States Parties will be available the United Nations ENABLE website: <u>http://www.un.org/disabilities/</u> and in the United Nations Journal.

The Secretariat of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Members States to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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