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Resumption of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties

Pursuant to rule 5 (*Notification*) of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties ([SPLOS/2/Rev.4](#)) and as an addendum to notifications MSP.N.2020.LOS of 14 April 2020, MSP.N.2020.LOS.Add.1 of 29 June 2020 and MSP.N.2020.LOS.Add.2 of 6 July 2020 (available at: www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting_states_parties/thirtiethmeetingstatesparties.htm) the Secretary-General of the United Nations communicates the following:

Further to the letters dated 27 and 30 October 2020 from the President of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties and the annex to the former communication regarding the timetable and modalities for the consideration of the pending items on the agenda of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties (available at the above URL), States Parties are hereby informed that the in-person meetings of the thirtieth Meeting of States Parties will resume on 9 December 2020, with interpretation so far confirmed for the morning meeting only given the logistical constraints under which the Secretariat is currently operating.

It is anticipated that no more than one representative or observer per State Party or Observer State, respectively, will be allowed into the conference room in order to ensure social distancing requirements.

Credentials

With reference to rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure (*Submission of credentials*), States Parties are requested to submit additional credentials if information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the thirtieth Meeting has changed since the submission of credentials for the meetings held on 24-26 August 2020. States Parties that are yet to submit original credentials are kindly requested to bring them to the conference room on the day of the plenary meeting. At this time, States Parties are kindly requested not to mail or hand-deliver original credentials documents.

Observers

Pursuant to rule 17 of the Rules of Procedure (*Accreditation of observers*), observers referred to in rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure (*Observers*) are invited to transmit to the Secretariat the names of the representatives who will form part of their delegation, as soon as possible and preferably no later than 9 December 2020. It may be possible to only accommodate a limited number of observers in the room.

Documents

The agenda of the Meeting is contained in document SPLOS/30/1, available through the Official Document System of the United Nations (<http://documents.un.org>). The documents referred to in the agenda are available at www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting_states_parties/thirtiethmeetingstatesparties.htm. All documents concerning past Meetings can be found at www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting_states_parties/meeting_states_parties.htm.


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