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The Office of Legal Affairs presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Missions to the United Nations and has the honour to advise the Missions that, as of August 2019, there will be changes in the way in which electronic copies of credentials for the sessions of the General Assembly and United Nations conferences are to be submitted to the Secretariat.

It is recalled that the submission of credentials of representatives, signed by the Head of State, the Head of Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, is required for the purpose of participating in the sessions of the General Assembly and United Nations conferences.

Until now, electronic copies of credentials and other communications containing the names of representatives to the sessions of the General Assembly and United Nations conferences, such as letters and notes verbales from Missions, were submitted by Missions by email or fax to various Secretariat departments and offices.

In order to simplify the process, Missions are, from now on, requested to submit electronic copies of credentials and other communications containing the names of representatives to the sessions of the General Assembly and United Nations conferences on a new online module “e-Credentials” which can be accessed at the e-deleGATE portal (<https://delegate.un.int>). The initial users of this module will be each Permanent Mission’s e-accreditation focal points. Additional delegates can be given access to this module using the Access Management module.

E-Credentials will be rolled out three weeks in advance of the following upcoming meetings:

1. The third session of the intergovernmental conference on an international legally binding instrument 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 (BBNJ Conference) to be held from 19 to 30 August 2019; and
2. The seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly commencing on 17 September 2019.

The instructions on how to use e-Credentials for the submission of credentials of representatives to the General Assembly are attached to this note verbale. The Secretariat invites the Missions to familiarize themselves with e-Credentials as soon as possible.

The Secretariat wishes to emphasize that the original hard copy of the credentials signed by the Head of State, the Head of Government, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, including those for the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly and the third session of the BBNJ Conference, must continue to be mailed or hand delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (Room S-3604, S-3639 or S-3608).

The Office of Legal Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions and Permanent Observer Missions to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

A blue circular stamp of the United Nations Legal Counsel is positioned to the left of a handwritten signature. The stamp features the United Nations emblem in the center, with the text "UNITED NATIONS" at the top, "Legal Counsel" in the middle, and "Conseiller juridique" and "NATIONS UNIES" at the bottom. The signature is written in blue ink over the stamp.

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