The Protocol and Liaison Service of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) of the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent and Observer Missions accredited to the United Nations and has the honour to inform them of the following:

In order to maintain an accurate inventory of flags at the United Nations Headquarters, the Protocol and Liaison Service, with the support of the Security and Safety Service, will be conducting a digital flag verification exercise during the month of January. Permanent and Observer Missions are requested to provide technical details and specifications about their national flags (including Pantone colour codes, ratios and/or measurements of bars, stripes, or other imagery, and high-resolution graphic images of the flag as well of copies of national flag codes, decrees or similar documents governing the use of their respective national flags) by email to unprotocol@un.org before 31 January 2022.

A live flag verification exercise will be scheduled at a later date, at which time Permanent and Observer Missions will be invited to physically examine their flags to confirm their accuracy. If a Permanent or Observer Mission becomes aware of any discrepancy of their respective national flag displayed inside or outside the United Nations Headquarters before the live flag verification exercise, the Permanent or Observer State Mission may of course reach out to the Protocol and Liaison Service immediately.

Should a Mission elect not to participate in the digital or live flag verification exercises, their flag will be considered acceptable and will continue to be displayed as is at Headquarters.

The Protocol and Liaison Service of the United Nations of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) of the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent and Observer Missions accredited to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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