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Important security and health instructions

The Secretariat wishes to provide delegations with the following information, in light of the decision of the Swiss Federal Council of 16 February 2022 related to measures to combat the COVID-19 epidemic as well as in view of the upcoming World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, taking place at the CIGG and overlapping with the Standing Committee on 8 and 9 March.

Security

- Due to the high-level nature of the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly, which is being organized by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), additional security measures will be put in place at the entrance of the CIGG on 8 and 9 March. These measures apply to anyone accessing the CIGG on these dates, including delegates participating in UNHCR's Standing Committee meeting.
- Prior to the meeting, all participants will be required to check in at the [Varembé Conference Centre \(CCV\)](#), directly across the street from the [CIGG](#). Please ensure to let the ITU registration colleagues know that you are with UNHCR.
- Those with a UNOG identification badge will have their UNOG badges programmed and a photo taken in order to ensure they can access the CIGG. A support staff may do this on behalf of a member of the delegation, however in this case, an electronic photo of the badge holder (in jpg, gif, png or pdf format) must be sent in advance to: cedric.mateu@itu.int.
- Any visiting delegates without a UNOG identification badge must be pre-registered and are asked to contact the UNHCR Secretariat (payre@unhcr.org) in advance for assistance. Once registered, and prior to the meeting, these delegates will be required to check in, in person, at the [Varembé Conference Centre \(CCV\)](#), directly across the street from the [CIGG](#) to receive a special access badge. Please ensure to bring a valid photo ID document corresponding to the name registered.
- Check-in at the CCV may be done any time in advance of the Standing Committee meeting. ITU badging operating hours at the CCV will be as follows:
 - Tuesday, 1 March: 7:15 AM to 5:30 PM
 - Wednesday, 2 March: 7:15 AM to 5:30PM
 - Thursday, 3 March: 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM
 - Friday, 4 March: 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM
 - Saturday, 5 March: 1PM to 5 PM
 - Sunday, 6 March: 1PM to 5 PM
 - Monday, 7 March: 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM
 - Tuesday, 8 March: 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM
 - Wednesday, 9 March: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

- All participants are asked to wear their UNOG or event identification badge at all times and will be required to show them at the entrance to the conference room. Please note that the access badges for UNHCR will not be programmed to allow for entry into the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly.
- The security measures related to the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly will be lifted on the third day of the Standing Committee, Thursday, 10 March.

Health

- According to the decision of the Swiss Federal Council of 16 February 2022, while international conferences, working meetings and events of permanent missions and international organizations are, as of 17 February 2022, no longer subject to restrictions, event organizers may decide to require the wearing of masks or to impose other restrictions on access to certain places or events, in particular if this is necessary to ensure the protection of those present.
- With this in mind, and to ensure the safety of everyone involved, UNHCR requests that all participants wear masks when moving around in the CICG. This is consistent with the guidance provided by the CICG and with the measures employed for the World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly. Delegations may choose to remove their masks while seated, particularly when making a statement. Please bring your own mask to the meeting.
- Only one person per delegation should be present in the room at any time. UNHCR will ensure an empty seat in between each delegation, to ensure everyone is comfortable.
- Please avoid customary greetings, including handshaking. Hand sanitizer will be made available including at the entrance of the room, and the conference room will be sanitized regularly in line with the “clean and safe” label <https://www.myswitzerland.com/en/planning/about-switzerland/clean-safe/>
- To avoid cross contamination, no documents will be distributed in the room. Please bring copies or access the documents electronically through the [Standing Committee secure site](#). In this vein, delegations are kindly requested to email their statements at least 30 minutes before the relevant agenda item to: hqexcom@unhcr.org.
- Anyone who has been identified as being particularly at risk is encouraged to participate in the meeting remotely. Participants who are not feeling well, with flu or cold-like symptoms potentially associated with COVID-19, or anyone awaiting COVID PCR test results, should not attend in person. Should any participants feel unwell during the course of the meeting, please notify Ms. Carole Gil (gil@unhcr.org, +41.22.739.8519) for contact tracing purposes.

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