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DEPARTMENT FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONFERENCE MANAGEMENT

PRO/NV/8 Security and Safety Matter Related to Misuse of UN Grounds Passes

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 Missions and Observer Offices to the United Nations and to the Liaison Offices of the Specialized Agencies and related organizations and has the honour to bring to their attention the following:

The Protocol and Liaison Service was informed by the Department of Safety and Security that over the last few months, several cases of misuse of United Nations grounds passes by personnel of Permanent Missions to the United Nations have occurred where delegates lent their passes to other persons in order to gain entry into the United Nations Headquarters. The misuses of United Nations grounds passes have been detected by the United Nations Security Officers and as a result, the United Nations grounds passes of the personnel involved were confiscated.

The Protocol and Liaison Service and the Department for Safety and Security view this matter as constituting a serious breach of the rules and regulations of the Organization regarding the use of United Nations grounds passes, as well as a breach of security.

The Protocol and Liaison Service would like to remind the Permanent Missions and Observer Offices as well as the Liaison Offices of the Specialized Agencies that security is the responsibility of all Delegates and staff members. Strict compliance with the safety and security rules and regulations of the Organization, especially regarding the use of United Nations grounds passes, are essential for the security of delegates and personnel of the Missions and Offices, as well as of the United Nations Headquarters itself. Any willing or known breach of security undermines the security of all concerned. Non-compliance with these rules and regulations can have serious consequences.

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