

# **Thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea**

New York, 13 to 17 June 2022, Conference Room 3  
(General Assembly Hall on 15 June 2022)

## Information for participants

The thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held in New York from 13 to 17 June 2022 (see [General Assembly resolution 76/72 of 9 December 2021](#), paragraph 58).

### ***Health and safety considerations***

On 17 May 2022, the COVID-19 alert level in New York City changed from medium to high. Upon the recommendation of the New York Committee on Occupational Safety and Health, the use of masks in common spaces at United Nations Headquarters, including elevators, restrooms, hallways, cafeteria and meeting rooms, is strongly recommended. In order to protect personnel and delegates, it is recommended that all meeting participants consider wearing a mask while indoors, including in the General Assembly Hall and in conference rooms.

By swiping their United Nations-issued ID, all persons entering United Nations Headquarters are confirming that they have not had symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in the last 5 days, or a positive COVID-19 test result in the last 5 days.

### ***Officers of the Meeting***

In accordance with Rule 19 (Election of officers) of the Rules of Procedure for Meetings of States Parties ([SPLOS/2/Rev.5](#)), “[t]he Meeting of States Parties shall elect from among the representatives of States Parties participating in the Meeting the following officers: a President and four Vice-Presidents, one from each region, excluding the region of the President...”. On the basis of the established system of rotation, it is the turn of the Group of Western European and other States to nominate a candidate for the office of President of the thirty-second Meeting.

### ***Secretariat***

The Office of Legal Affairs, through its Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, carries out the secretariat functions for the Meeting of States Parties (Room DC2-0450, United Nations, New York, NY 10017, contact: [doalos@un.org](mailto:doalos@un.org)).

## ***Provisional agenda and other documents***

The provisional agenda for the thirty-second Meeting is contained in document [SPLOS/32/L.1/Rev.1](#). The provisional agenda and all other documents of the thirty-second Meeting are available through the Official Document System of the United Nations (<http://documents.un.org>) or on the website of the Division as soon as they are issued ([www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting\\_states\\_parties/thirtysecondmeetingstatesparties.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting_states_parties/thirtysecondmeetingstatesparties.htm)).

## ***Credentials***

Scanned copies of credentials, as well as other communications containing the names of representatives of States Parties, should be submitted through the online e-Credentials module (available at [edelegate.un.int](http://edelegate.un.int)), and original credentials should be transmitted to the Secretariat, as soon as possible and no later than twenty-four hours after the opening of the Meeting on **Monday, 13 June 2022**.

In conformity with the understanding reached by the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties (see [SPLOS/263](#), paragraph 101), credentials should cover the period from 13 to 17 June 2022 and, to the extent practicable, also thereafter until the convening of the thirty-third Meeting of States Parties.

Further information regarding the submission of credentials is contained in the Notification dated 31 March 2022, available in [English](#) and [French](#).

## ***Observers***

Observers are invited to transmit to the Secretariat the names of the representatives who will form part of their delegation, as soon as possible, by letter or note verbale.

## ***List of Speakers***

According to the practice of the Meeting of States Parties:

(1) No preliminary lists of speakers are maintained by the Secretariat. Delegations wishing to speak under an agenda item may do so by requesting the floor when the deliberation on that item is opened.

(2) The Meeting does not have a segment devoted to general statements. Delegations wishing to make statements of a general nature are encouraged to do so under the agenda item entitled "Report of the Secretary-General under article 319 for the information of States Parties on issues of a general nature, relevant to States

Parties, which have arisen with respect to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea" (provisional agenda item 14).

### ***Right of reply***

Rule 41 of the Rules of Procedure provides that the President may accord the right of reply to any representative if a speech delivered after the list of speakers has been declared closed makes this desirable.

At the twenty-fourth Meeting, States Parties decided to establish a practice, based on the procedures and practices of other bodies, in particular the General Assembly, according to which the number of interventions in the exercise of the right of reply would be limited to two per agenda item, the first no longer than 10 minutes and the second no longer than 5 minutes.

### ***eStatements***

Written statements and documents from the Meeting will be posted during the duration of the Meeting on a dedicated "eStatements" section of the UN Journal (this section will be unavailable after the Meeting is adjourned). Delegations are requested to provide a copy of their statement by e-mail to [eStatements@un.org](mailto:eStatements@un.org), in both PDF and WORD, well in advance of the Meeting, but no later than two hours before the Meeting begins, indicating the title and date of the Meeting, the agenda item and the name and delegation of the speaker. If the statement is only for interpreters and not for posting on eStatements, kindly indicate this clearly in the subject line.

For assistance with the publishing of statements and other services for this session please contact the conference officer in the meeting room or email [estatements@un.org](mailto:estatements@un.org).

### ***Webcast***

The Meeting will be webcast live via WebEx. The WebEx connection will open one-hour before the Meeting starts so there is ample time to test the connection with the assigned technical team. Participants should use a video communication-ready device with high-speed internet.

To set up the connection, copy and paste the following link into the Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or Apple Safari browser (Microsoft Edge is supported if it is the newer "Chromium" release) and click Continue (*do not use Internet Explorer*):

<https://unvc.webex.com/unvc/onstage/g.php?MTID=efcdd4a6c10eb2de603df0eb28328df35>

If prompted, then enter the following information to join:

Event number: 2335 569 0654

Event password: 32ndUNCLOS

For participants connecting via VC system:

SIP URI: 23355690654@unvc.webex.com PC: 568296

For connection issues, participants should send an email to [unvc@un.org](mailto:unvc@un.org) or call +1 212 963 8648 with reference to the Webex eBMS#24540.

### ***Side events***

Expressions of interest to hold side events during the Meeting should be communicated in writing to the Secretariat, no later than **9 June 2022**, bearing in mind that there will be a limited number of time slots available for side events during the lunch-breaks, and very limited conference room availability. For this purpose, an email should be sent with an indication of the title, organizing institution(s) and preferred date for the event to the following address: [doalos@un.org](mailto:doalos@un.org). The subject of the message should specify: "Side event: Meeting of States Parties." The Division will provide all necessary details, including the costs associated with the holding of such side-events

### ***UN Grounds Passes for Intergovernmental Organizations***

Representatives from intergovernmental organizations that have a standing invitation to attend the Meeting of States Parties should communicate their intention to attend the Meeting directly to the Protocol and Liaison Service (Room S-0201, Fax: +1 212 963-1921 or email: [unprotocol@un.org](mailto:unprotocol@un.org)) by **9 June 2022**, with a copy to the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea. A template letter for this purpose is provided below at page 6. The representatives of intergovernmental organizations having a Liaison Office in New York should endeavour to obtain their United Nations grounds passes through that office.

Intergovernmental organizations without an office in New York must submit a form SG.6 for each member of the delegation for issuance of grounds passes for temporary meetings, together with an official nomination letter (stamped and signed by the head of the organization) to the Protocol and Liaison Service, by **7 June 2022**. The official letter must also include a name and email address of a focal point to receive the accreditation approval. The SG.6 form can be downloaded from the website of the Protocol and Liaison Service at [www.un.org/dgacm/sites/www.un.org.dgacm/files/Documents\\_Protocol/sg.6\\_8-05-e.doc](http://www.un.org/dgacm/sites/www.un.org.dgacm/files/Documents_Protocol/sg.6_8-05-e.doc).

For more information on the Protocol and Liaison Service, visit:  
[www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings](http://www.un.org/dgacm/en/content/protocol/meetings)

Upon presentation of the accreditation approvals, representatives of intergovernmental organizations are to collect their United Nations grounds passes directly from the United Nations Pass Office at 320 East 45th Street. An official document with photograph (e.g., passport) identifying the representative must be presented at that time. Representatives without grounds passes will not be able to access the United Nations Headquarters compound.

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**Template of letter to the United Nations Protocol  
and Liaison Service**

**[Letterhead of the Organization]**

[Date]

Dear Ms. Kania,

Pursuant to paragraph 58 of General Assembly resolution 76/72 of 9 December 2022 and further to the notification dated 31 March 2022, which was sent by the Office of Legal Affairs, Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, United Nations, we hereby inform you that the [official name of the organization] wishes to attend the thirty-second Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which will take place in New York from 13 to 17 June 2022.

The [official name of the organization] will be represented by Mr. / Ms. [full name of the representative, which should be consistent with the name in his/her official identification document, e.g., passport] at the meeting.

Thank you for your assistance in issuing a United Nations grounds pass to the above representative(s) for the duration of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,  
[signature, name and title of the head of the organization]  
[official name of the organization]  
[official seal of the organization]

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Protocol and Liaison Service  
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cc: Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea,  
Office of Legal Affairs, United Nations