

Thirty-fourth Meeting of States Parties to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

New York, 10 to 14 June 2024, Conference Room 1

Information for participants

The thirty-fourth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea will be held in New York from 10 to 14 June 2024 (see [General Assembly resolution 78/69 of 5 December 2023](#), paragraph 53).

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 African States to nominate a candidate for the office of President of the thirty-fourth Meeting.

Secretariat

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

Provisional agenda and other documents

The provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth Meeting is contained in document [SPLOS/34/L.1](#). The provisional agenda and all other documents of the Meeting will be available, as soon as they are issued, through the Official Document System of the United Nations (<http://documents.un.org>) and will also be posted on the DOALOS website: www.un.org/Depts/los/meeting_states_parties/thirtyfourthmeetingstatesparties.htm.

Advance versions of documents concerning the consideration of administrative and budgetary matters of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea will become available, in due course, at: www.itlos.org/en/main/the-tribunal/states-parties.

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). Original credentials should be transmitted to the Secretariat (DOALOS) at the above-listed address.

With reference to agenda item 13 of the provisional agenda, entitled "Election of two members of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf", it would be appreciated if the credentials of States Parties were transmitted to the Secretariat as soon as possible and no later than 24 hours after the opening of the Meeting on **Monday, 10 June 2024**, since the Meeting will consider the report of the Credentials Committee before the election.

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 10 to 14 June 2024 and, to the extent practicable, also thereafter until the convening of the thirty-fifth Meeting of States Parties.

Credentials should explicitly indicate that they are issued for the "thirty-fourth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea".

Further information regarding the submission of credentials is contained in the Notification dated 1 April 2024, 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 (email: doalos@un.org, with original hard copy to be transmitted to DOALOS at the above-listed address) as soon as possible and preferably no later than 13 June 2024.

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 deliberations on that item are 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 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, 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.

Distribution of promotional materials

No promotional materials are to be distributed on the desks of delegations. Delegations wishing to make such materials available are invited to approach the Secretariat, which will arrange for their distribution in the conference room, as appropriate.

Side events

Expressions of interest to hold side events during the Meeting should be communicated in writing to the Secretariat, no later than **3 June 2024**, bearing in mind that there will be a limited number of time slots available for side events during 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. The subject of the message should specify: "Side event: Meeting of States Parties." DOALOS will provide all necessary details, including the costs associated with the holding of such side events.

Grounds Passes for Intergovernmental Organizations with General Assembly observer Status

Intergovernmental organizations and other entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly should communicate their intention to attend the Meeting directly to the Protocol and Liaison Service (email: unprotocol@un.org) by **31 May 2024**, with a copy to DOALOS (doalos@un.org). A template letter for this purpose is provided below. Delegations should follow the same procedure as Member States to obtain UN grounds passes, by using the online e-Registration system via the eDelegate Portal at <https://edelegate.un.int>.

Intergovernmental organizations without an office in New York or which have not enrolled in the eRegistration system must submit an SG.6 form 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 (email: unprotocol@un.org), by **24 May 2024**. The official letter must also include a name and email address of a focal point to receive the registration 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. For more information on the Protocol and Liaison Service, please visit: 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 photo I.D. (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.

Grounds Passes for other organizations, entities and NGOs

Representatives from organizations and entities other than those listed above, should contact DOALOS at doalos@un.org (with copy to santosuosso@un.org).

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

[Letterhead of the Intergovernmental Organization]

[Date]

Dear Ms. Kania,

Pursuant to paragraph 53 of General Assembly resolution 78/69 of 5 December 2023 and further to the notification dated 1 April 2024, 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-fourth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which will take place in New York from 10 to 14 June 2024.

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]

Ms. Beatrix Kania
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Protocol and Liaison Service
Att. Ms. Wai Tak Chua Room S-0201
United Nations
New York, NY 10017

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