I. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The meeting is open to representatives of all UN Member States. All delegates must be accredited by the competent authority of their country or international organization. Representatives of academia and non-governmental organizations may also register and will be able to participate subject to available capacity.

II. **VENUE**

The meeting will be held in room V at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland (see the map below).

As the United Nations Security and Safety Service is moving to a more efficient and greener digital badging solution, all registered and accredited conference participants will receive a digital badge by email. This digital badge will have your photo, name and last name, your organization, the name and date of meeting and a QR code. Once downloaded to a mobile phone or any other mobile device, the digital badge will enable faster entry to the Palais des Nations. Please click the link to view a video, which provides more details on how the digital badge will work: Pavilion Prégny (English) - YouTube.

Participants who do not have a phone or any other mobile device can print their confirmation and bring it to the badging desk at the Prégny Pavilion in order to have a paper badge issued and printed.
You may activate your digital badge at the UN Pass and ID Accreditation Service at the newly-renovated Prégny Pavilion:

**Address:** Visitors’ Entrance / Prégny Gate at Avenue de la Paix 14, 1210 Geneva

**Public transportation:** Buses: 8, 20, 22, F (the closest bus stop is Appia)

**Working hours:** from 08:00 to 16:45 on weekdays

**Location:** The Prégny Gate is located opposite the Red Cross (CICR) building on Avenue de la Paix, approximately 300 metres uphill from the Nations Gate and Peace Gate.

**Doors B and C** at the Prégny Gate are dedicated to Conference Participants, Guided Tours and Visitors.

Please bring your photo ID (e.g., passport, or national identity card for EU citizens) to present it at the UN Pass and ID Accreditation Services together with your digital badge on the first day of the meeting. Your entry badge will last for the duration of the meeting for which you have registered.

**It is advisable to arrive at the Prégny Gate 1 hour before the meeting to activate your badge and make your way to the meeting room.** There might be a long queue at the gate due to other meetings starting on the same day, especially on Monday mornings. After entering the Palais des Nations grounds, you may need 5-10 minutes to walk to the meeting room.

**Room V**– after the Pregny Gate turn to your right, walk for about 1-2 minutes and then turn to your left and continue walking down until you reach entrance door 11. After entering door 11, please go one floor down and follow the signs to room V (see the map below).

After activating your badge and during its period of validity, you may access Palais des Nations either through the Prégny Gate or the Peace Gate entrance. If you arrive in Geneva earlier, you may wish to activate your digital badge at the Prégny Gate one day before the start of the meeting (or on Friday, if the meeting starts on Monday).

Due to security procedures, we advise participants not to bring any large items of luggage to the Palais des Nations as such luggage is not permitted in the building. You may bring into the Palais only the type of luggage that is normally considered as carry-on luggage by airline companies e.g., computer bags, rucksacks and handbags.
III. ACCOMMODATION

Participants and/or their offices are requested to make their own travel arrangements and hotel reservations.

It is advisable to book your hotel well in advance as available rooms may be limited due to other meetings and events taking place in Geneva at the same time. A list of hotels and other valuable information about Geneva are available on the following website: https://www.geneve.com/en/.

The following accommodation options are close to the Palais des Nations:

- The closest hotel to Palais des Nations is the 5-star Intercontinental.
- There are several 3- and 4-star hotels near Servette/Grand Pre and Cornavin train station. These hotels are located about 10 minutes by bus or tram and 25-30 minutes on foot from the Palais des Nations.

IV. VISAS

Participants travelling to Switzerland must have a valid passport and, if required, a visa\(^1\). Prior to leaving their country of residence, participants are requested to make their own arrangements for obtaining a Schengen visa or any other travel permits that may be required for the entire journey, including countries of transit.

If necessary, the UNECE secretariat can provide an invitation letter to facilitate visa procedures. Such letters can be requested by contacting the secretariat at evita.sisene@un.org

V. COVID-19 MEASURES

All public health measures and travel requirements related to COVID-19 have now been lifted. Nevertheless, in the interests of protecting one-another’s health, please do not come to the UN premises if you develop any COVID-like symptoms.

VI. DINING

Meeting participants may choose to have lunch at the UN cafeteria located on the ground floor of the A building. It is open from 11:30 to 14:30 Monday to Friday. There are many dining options available nearby and in the city centre for evening meals.

VII. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Geneva has an extensive public transport network with many tram and bus lines. See https://www.tpg.ch/fr to plan your route.

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\(^1\) Information on visa requirements according to the traveler’s nationality can be found on the website of the Swiss government: https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/fdfa/entry-switzerland-residence/visa-requirements-application-form.html.
Some hotels in Geneva offer a free Geneva Transport Card, enabling you to use the entire Geneva public transport system free of charge throughout your stay. Please ask at your hotel.

Should you need to purchase public transport tickets, you may do so from the ticket machines at bus stops or by SMS (text ‘tpg1’ to 788 for a single ticket for the ‘all Geneva’ zone, zone 10, valid for one hour. For other SMS ticket options, route maps and itineraries use the ‘TPG Preview’ app). No tickets are sold on buses and trams.
VIII. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT GENEVA

Currency

The Swiss currency is the Swiss franc (CHF).

Currency exchange facilities are available in the city centre and at the UBS bank branch at the Palais des Nations, located on the second floor of E building (door 41). It is open from 08:30 to 16:30 from Monday to Friday.

All major credit cards are widely accepted in shops, hotels and restaurants.

Time Zone

Switzerland is located in the Central European time zone.

Electricity

The voltage in Switzerland, as in most of Europe, is 230V/50 Hz. Please note that Switzerland uses ‘type J’ 3-pin electrical plugs and sockets. European ‘type C’ 2-pin plugs such as that shown below will fit these sockets, but all other equipment, including European ‘type F’ plugs, will require a socket adaptor.
**Water**

We ask you to consider reducing your contribution to plastic waste by bringing your own refillable water bottle. **Geneva tap water** consistently rates among the highest-quality tap water in the world.

**Useful telephone numbers**

General emergency calls: 112
Police: 117
Ambulance: 144
Fire Department: 118

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

Additional details will be communicated to all registered meeting participants by e-mail.