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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations and has the honor to call attention to an important telephone number change listed in the Parking Program for Diplomatic Vehicles in the City of New York, distributed in circular note HC-50-02, dated September 24, 2002.

The United States Mission would like to remind Permanent Missions that in accordance with the Parking Program for Diplomatic Vehicles that began on November 1, 2002, the City of New York may tow, for health and safety reasons, vehicles that are subject to this Program (see Section E & F, paragraphs 23-26 in the attachment to circular note HC-50-02 of September 24, 2002, which can be found at http://usun.state.gov/about/host_aff/c32159.htm).

Permanent Missions and drivers with "D" series United States Department of State license plates are asked to take note that the number and method for contacting the Office of Foreign Missions in New York (OFM/NY) after normal working hours to obtain the release of a towed diplomatic vehicle have changed. The updated version of Annex IV ("City of New York/U.S. Department of State Towed Vehicle Procedure") is attached. It also includes updated information about the locations and hours of operation of New York City tow pounds.

Permanent Missions are reminded that waiver of towing fees does not exempt the registrant from resolving the associated parking summons. The registrant is still obligated to pay or contest the applicable parking summons according to procedures outlined in the Parking Program.

Permanent Missions are requested to circulate this information to their drivers and diplomats with "D" series U.S. Department of State license plates. It is important that registrants of such vehicles follow these procedures if they wish to avoid fees to obtain the release of their vehicle if it is towed by the City of New York.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.