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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 present the criteria that the United States expects to apply to the registration and inclusion of an individual in the list of Members of the Permanent Missions Entitled to Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities in the United States under the provisions of Article V, Section 15 of the Headquarters Agreement between the United States and the United Nations. The purpose of these criteria is to notify the United Nations Permanent Mission community of the expectations of the United States regarding diplomatic privileges and immunities: that they will be conferred only with respect to categories of individuals who will represent their countries before the United Nations as their primary function in the United States. Accordingly, consistent with the Headquarters Agreement, the United States expects that diplomatic privileges and immunities would apply only to persons who meet the following criteria.

The individual must:

- (1) perform on behalf of the Member State, diplomatic duties directly related to the work of the United Nations on a full-time basis, which the Department of State describes as at least thirty-five hours each week at the Mission, and shall not practice for profit any professional or commercial activity in the United States. Personnel sent from capitals and seconded to, and/or working at, the United Nations or the Funds, Programs and Agencies cannot be accepted as members of the Permanent Missions, and must not be so registered.
- (2) possess a valid diplomatic passport of the Member State;
- (3) possess a recognized diplomatic title: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Ambassador, Minister Plenipotentiary, Minister, Minister Counselor, Counselor, First Secretary, Second Secretary, Third Secretary, Attaché, or Assistant Attaché;
- (4) be a national of the Member State;
- (5) possess an appropriate non-immigrant status in the United States;

(6) be at least 21 years of age;

(7) reside in the New York metropolitan area on a full-time basis; and

(8) not be subject, at the time accreditation is sought, to any pending criminal charges in the United States punishable by incarceration for more than one year nor have a family member forming part of the diplomatic envoy's household who is subject to any such charges and is present in the United States at the time such accreditation is sought.

All official documents issued to diplomatic envoys by the United States Mission will use only the aforementioned diplomatic titles. The diplomatic titles acceptable to the United States are without prejudice to any functional or other titles conferred upon those envoys by the Member States.

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.