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TO ACCREDITED NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

## **IMPORTANT ISSUES RELATING TO SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT IWC/61**

I am writing to you with information on the following two important matters:

- Security vetting procedures for NGO delegates to IWC/61;
- requirements for any organised 'manifestations' relating to IWC/61.

### **1. SECURITY VETTING PROCEDURES**

I have been informed by the local security forces in Madeira that they will require all representatives attending IWC/61 from non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and the Press to go through security vetting before being issued with an identity badge by the IWC Secretariat. This is something with which the organisation must comply. The security vetting will be done by the Madeira security forces.

Security vetting can be done in advance of observers arriving at the meeting venue, or on arrival at the venue. I have been advised that security vetting at the meeting venue will take some 30-60 minutes. It would therefore be advisable for all concerned for observers to go through advance vetting. The two procedures are described below.

#### **Advance security vetting procedure**

- a) The following information on nominated observers should be sent to the Secretariat temporary office in Madeira by fax (+351 291 229304) or email ([Secretariat@iwcoffice.org](mailto:Secretariat@iwcoffice.org)):
  - i. Full name
  - ii. Nationality
  - iii. Date of birth
  - iv. Passport or Identity card number
  - v. AND a copy of a passport or identity card (if this is difficult for any reason, please send items i to iv)
  - vi. Email address, telephone and/or fax
- b) The Secretariat will pass information i to v to the security forces for vetting.
- c) Once the information has been passed to the security forces, they will inform the Secretariat within 24 hours of any individuals to whom an IWC identity badge should not be issued. We understand that this will be done only when the security forces have serious concerns about an individual.
- d) The Secretariat will inform individuals not passing the security vetting (using information in vi above) as soon as possible.
- e) Those individuals who do not hear from the Secretariat should assume that there is no problem with admittance to the meeting. On arriving at the meeting they should proceed to the Secretariat to register and receive their IWC identity badge. As indicated previously in my email of 7 May, you will be required to show some form of photo-identification to the Secretariat before a badge will be issued.

### **On-site security vetting procedure**

- a) NGO representatives who have not been security-vetted in advance will have to undergo vetting on-site at the Pestana Forum (i.e. the meeting venue).
- b) On-site vetting for NGOs will take place on the following days:
  - o Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 June at the following times: 08.00-12.30 and 14.00-17.00
  - o Sunday 21 June and Monday 22 June at the following times: 08.00-12.30 and 14.00-17.00
- c) The on-site vetting procedure will be conducted as follows:
  - o On arriving at the Forum, please go to the IWC Secretariat registration desk located on the upper floor of the Forum.
  - o The Secretariat will collect a passport or Identity Card or copy thereof. This will be passed to the security forces who will be on-site to conduct the security vetting. The security forces will respond to the Secretariat within 30 minutes to 1 hour.
  - o The IWC Secretariat will then issue identity badges as appropriate to those individuals that have passed the vetting procedure.

#### **NOTE:**

- d) Individuals that have not undergone advance vetting who wish to register on days other than 15, 16, 21 or 22 June, will need to provide the following information to the Secretariat at the meeting venue:
  - i. Copy of a passport or identity card - AND
  - ii. Full name
  - iii. Nationality
  - iv. Date of birth
  - v. Passport or Identity card number
  - vi. Contact details in Madeira
- e) The information will be forwarded to the security forces in their offices who will inform the Secretariat within 24 hours if an IWC identity badge should not be issued. The Secretariat will inform individuals accordingly.

## **2. REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY ORGANISED PUBLIC MEETINGS/RALLIES RELATING TO IWC/61**

Organisations planning any sort of public meeting/event **must give written notice at least 2 days in advance** (excluding weekends and public holidays) to the Madeira Regional Government Vice-President whose address and further information is shown on the sheet attached.

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Secretary to the Commission

## **Some brief information on Madiera's local laws and regulations concerning Meetings, Rallies, Demonstrations and Parades.**

To every citizen the free right to gather peacefully in public places is guaranteed.

People or entities that which carry out meetings, rallies, demonstrations or parades in public places or open to the public have to give written notice at least 2 days in advance (excluding weekends and public holidays) to the Madeira Regional Government Vice-President whose address is shown below.

This notification must be signed by three of the promoters clearly identified by name, profession and address, or, where the organising body is an association, by the respective boards.

The notification must also indicate the time, place and reason of the meeting, and when it relates to demonstrations or parades, it must also indicate the route that it will follow.

Parades can only take place on Sundays and public holidays, on Saturdays after 12:00, and on the remaining days after 19:30.

It is not allowed that meetings, rallies or demonstrations should result in the abusive occupation of public or private buildings.

For reasons of security meetings, rallies, demonstrations or parades in public places or places open to the public may not be conducted closer than 100m away from the headquarters of national governmental bodies. This provision gives government the right to enforce such measures. Besides sovereign national government headquarters in Madeira, this measure may also be applied to Regional Legislative Parliament, the Regional Government, Presidency and Regional Ministries.

This information is a translated resumé of the Portuguese National Law (Decreto – Lei nº 406/74) and Madeira Autonomous Region Law (Resolucao da Assembleia Legislativa Regional No 17/99/M), regarding these matters, which should be read fully by the parties intending to carrying out meetings, rallies, demonstrations or parades in public places or places open to the public. The **Decreto – Lei nº 406/74** and **Resolucao da Assembleia Legislativa Regional N0 17/99/M** is attached to this letter in its original form (Portuguese).

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