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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATIONS**NO. 986****02 SEPTEMBER 2016****NOTICE**

It is hereby published for general information that the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation has, in terms of section 6(2) of the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act, 2001 (Act No. 37 of 2001), recognised 2016 United Nations International Media Seminar on the Peace in the Middle East, scheduled to take place in Pretoria on 31 August 2016 to 2 September 2016, for the purposes of granting immunities and privileges as set out in the Exchange of Letters between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the United Nations represented by the Department of Public Information dated 1 September 2016 and set out in the Schedule hereto.

MINISTER'S MINUTE

In accordance with the powers vested in me by section 6(2) of the Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges Act, 2001 (Act No. 37 of 2001), I hereby recognize the 2016 United Nations International Media Seminar on the Peace in the Middle East, scheduled to take place in Pretoria on 31 August 2016 to 2 September 2016 for the purposes of granting immunities and privileges.

In accordance with section 7(1) of the said Act, the immunities and privileges to be conferred to the Seminar is provided for in the Exchange of Letters between the Government of the Republic of South Africa and the United Nations represented by the Department of Public Information that took effect on 1 September 2016.

MAITE NKOANA-MASHABANE

Minister of International Relations and Cooperation

Date:

7. The Government will be responsible for:

- (a) Conference facilities, including a main hall where the three day seminar will take place with Wi-Fi, a space for lunch, and coffee breaks, a holding room for VIPs, office space, an area for registration, all the necessary furniture, equipment and a sound system (e.g., a lectern with a microphone, a raised stage for panelists with table/s, chairs, wireless microphones, (as required));
- (b) A banner and backdrop for the seminar in English;
- (c) Basic stationery for seminar participants;
- (a) A secretarial room, which should be accessible a day prior to the Seminar; equipped with three computers with internet access, connected to a printer, and the provision of photocopy facilities;
- (b) Audio-visual recordings and photo coverage;
- (c) Identifying Seminar participants from the Republic of South Africa as speakers and panelists;
- (d) Issuance of invitations to national and international media representatives and associations based in the Republic of South Africa, governmental and non-governmental organizations, academic and educational institutions, as well as diplomatic community and international organizations represented in the Republic of South Africa;
- (e) Registration and issuance of ID badges to all seminar participants (national and international);
- (f) The Government will provide one lunch break per day (three days) as well as two coffee breaks per day (three days);

8. I wish to propose that the following terms shall apply to the Seminar:

- (a) (i) The Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations adopted by the General Assembly on 13 February 1946 (“the Convention”), to which South Africa is a party, shall be applicable in respect of the Seminar. In particular, representatives of States shall enjoy the privileges and immunities accorded under Article IV of the Convention. The participants invited by the United Nations shall enjoy the privileges and immunities accorded to experts on mission for the United Nations under articles VI and VII of the Convention (functional immunities). Officials of the United Nations participating in or performing functions in connection with the Seminar shall enjoy the privileges and immunities provided under articles V and VII of the Convention. Officials of the Specialized Agencies participating in the Seminar shall be accorded the privileges and immunities provided under articles VI and VIII of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies, adopted by the General Assembly on 21 November 1947;

- (ii) Without prejudice to the provisions of the Convention, all participants and persons performing functions in connection with the Seminar shall enjoy such privileges and immunities, facilities and courtesies as are necessary for the independent exercise of their functions in connection with the Seminar;
 - (iii) Personnel provided by the Government pursuant to this Agreement shall enjoy immunity from legal process in respect of words spoken or written or any act performed by them in their official capacity in connection with the Seminar.
- (a) All participants and all persons performing functions in connection with the Seminar shall have the right to unimpeded entry and exit from South Africa, in accordance with the applicable legislation of the Republic of South Africa. The Government shall grant visas and entry permits to all such persons in accordance with the visa issuance procedure of the Republic of South Africa as promptly as possible.
9. The Government shall furnish such police protection as may be required to ensure the effective functioning of the Seminar in an atmosphere of security and tranquillity free from interference of any kind. A designated senior official from the UN will remain in close coordination with the Host Government security authorities during the event.
10. The Government shall be responsible for dealing with any action, claim or other demand against the United Nations or its officials and arising out of:
- (a) personal injury to persons or damage to or loss of property in the Seminar premises that are provided by or are under the control of the Government for the Seminar;
 - (b) injury to persons or damage to or loss of property caused by, or incurred in using the transportation services provided by or are under the control of the Government;
 - (c) the employment for the Seminar of personnel provided or arranged by the Government;

And the Government shall indemnify and hold harmless the United Nations and its officials in respect of any such action, claim or other demand.