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Forty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

Sixty-eighth meeting of the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure of the Montreal Protocol

Fifth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

Bangkok, 9–16 July 2022

Information note for participants – **Third update on COVID-19 measures**

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I. Venue

1. The forty-fourth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (OEWG44) will be held in Bangkok from **Monday, 11 July to Saturday, 16 July 2022**. The Fifth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (ExMOP5) will be held on **Saturday, 16 July 2022**. As is mentioned in the invitation letter, the credentials of participants representing parties at ExMOP5 must be submitted as per rule 18 of the rules of procedure. OEWG44 and ExMOP5 will be preceded by the sixty-eighth meeting of the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol (ImpCom68), to be held on **Saturday, 9 July 2022**. The meetings will take place at the following venue:

United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
United Nations Building
Rajdamnern Nok Avenue
Bangkok 10200
Thailand
www.unescap.org/uncc

II. Timing of the meetings

2. ImpCom68 will be held on Saturday, 9 July 2022, starting at 10 a.m. Participation in the meeting is limited to invited participants who are members of the Implementation Committee, invited representatives of the secretariat of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol and representatives of the implementing agencies of the Multilateral Fund.
3. OEWG44 will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, 11 July 2022, and is expected to conclude in the afternoon of Saturday, 16 July 2022. The morning sessions will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the afternoon sessions from 3 to 6 p.m., unless otherwise specified during the meeting.
4. ExMOP5 will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, 16 July 2022, starting immediately after the closure of OEWG 44. The meeting is expected to last about an hour.

III. Visa information

5. Participants are **required** to obtain an appropriate entry visa from their nearest Royal Thai Embassy or Royal Thai Consulate-General before entering Thailand, **except** for nationals of exempted countries. Participants can access information on visa exemption and requirements from the following

link: <https://consular.mfa.go.th/>. Please note that Thailand is currently applying pandemic-related additional entry requirements (outlined in section V of this note).

6. Participants must possess a passport valid for at least six months beyond the travel date and a valid return ticket with a departure date within 15 days of the arrival date. If they are eligible for a visa on arrival, they should fill out an application form, which is available at the visa-on-arrival counter at Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport; supply one recent passport-sized photograph; and pay a fee of 2,000 baht. Alternatively, participants may apply online at <https://www.evisathailand.com> and visit the visa-on-arrival counter at the airport before proceeding to immigration.

7. Nationals from countries **required** to obtain an entry visa before entering Thailand should:

(a) Contact the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General in their country of residence or at the Royal Thai Embassy with jurisdiction over their country of residence **before leaving their country** to avoid denial of entry on arrival at the airport in Bangkok. Information on visa issuance and the locations of Royal Thai embassies and consulates worldwide are available at the following link: <https://www.thaiembassy.org/>.

(b) Initiate the application process **well in advance** of their proposed travel date and contact the Secretariat (Jacqueline.Nyanjui@un.org) with a copy to Jacqueline.Gitau@un.org if any supporting documentation issued by the Secretariat is required.

8. Holders of a United Nations laissez-passer travelling on official business are required to obtain an appropriate visa before entering Thailand. Participants may consult with the Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate in their respective countries or jurisdictions regarding the latest applicable immigration requirements.

IV. Hotel accommodation

9. Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements and are advised to do so as soon as possible. Reservations for lodging at an SHA Extra Plus (SHA++) certified hotel is **no longer required** under the Thailand Pass. Lists of recommended hotels can be found on the meeting portal (https://ozone.unep.org/system/files/documents/%282022-04-08%29-List_of_selected_hotels-rates.pdf).

V. Health requirements and medical facilities

10. The health and safety of participants during the meetings is a key priority of the United Nations and the host country. This section outlines health requirements, including the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic prevention and mitigation measures in place. It also outlines the code of conduct summarizing the precautionary behaviour expected of delegates and other participants during the meeting period.

11. All delegates who intend to participate in the meetings in person should be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. “Fully vaccinated” means having received the final dose of a vaccine at least 14 days before the date of travel. A booster shot is encouraged but not required by the Government of Thailand. Accordingly:

- a) Funded Participants are requested to send their vaccination certificates to the Secretariat before the issuance of air tickets for travel.
- b) Non-funded participants are requested to present their vaccination certificate at the registration desk in Bangkok during collection of meeting badge.

12. Delegates are encouraged to be aware at all times of the signs and symptoms of respiratory illness and how to manage them. Stay at your hotel if you develop a fever and/or respiratory symptoms, or otherwise feel unwell, and inform the Secretariat (Sandeep.Bhambra@un.org) with a copy to Maud.Barcelomartinez@un.org immediately.

13. The information provided in the present note is enough to manage most concerns. However, before making their travel arrangements, participants are advised to review the following links for the latest information:

(a) World Health Organization website (www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019)

(b) Information specific to Thailand (https://mailchi.mp/un/un_returneesbkk and <https://unescap.org/sites/default/d8files/event-documents/Thailand-Entry-Procedures.pdf>)

(c) Frequently asked questions on Thailand Pass (<https://consular.mfa.go.th/th/content/thailand-pass-faqs-2>)

A. COVID-19 measures in Thailand

14. Accredited delegates travelling to attend the meetings must meet the COVID-19 monitoring, prevention and containment measures set out in the Government's regulations and guidelines (https://mailchi.mp/un/un_returneesbkk). Participants who, because of the travel restrictions in their country, are not able to travel to Bangkok should inform the Secretariat (Betty.Kamanga@un.org with a copy to Denis.Muthuri@un.org) as soon as possible.

15. The following COVID-19 minimum requirements were developed with the support of UNCC, taking into account the restrictions put in place by the Ministry of Public Health, Thailand:

(a) **Effective 1 July 2022, Thailand Pass (and proof of medical insurance coverage upto USD10,000) is not required.**

(b) Medical costs incurred in Thailand will be borne directly by each participant. In the event of Secretariat-sponsored participants testing positive for COVID-19 during the meeting and hence having to isolate, the Secretariat will reimburse the actual costs of accommodation and meals for the days required to recover and travel back to their country of origin. The reimbursement will cover only the isolation period and will be contingent upon presentation of documentation reflecting the need for isolation and actual expenditure receipts for accommodation and/or meals. The reimbursement will not exceed the relevant portions of the applicable United Nations daily subsistence allowance (DSA) rate for accommodation and/or meals. If accommodation and/or meals are provided by the Government, no reimbursement will be made. The Secretariat will not be in a position to provide any additional financial support.

(c) RT-PCR tests, both prior to and after arriving in Thailand, as well as the self-test on day 5 are **no longer required**.

B. COVID-19 measures at UNCC

16. Participants are advised of the following measures, with action required both before and during meetings:

(a) **At least 2 working days** before entering ESCAP premises, participants must complete the [online self-declaration form](#),¹ sharing emergency contact details and certifying that they:

- (i) Have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days;
- (ii) Have not had symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in the last 10 days;
- (iii) Have not had any close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 in the last 14 days;
- (iv) Accept to comply with the COVID-19 infection prevention measures in place.

(b) Upon submission of the above-mentioned self-declaration form, participants will receive a clearance email from ESCAP, which should be presented at the UNCC registration desk for issuance of the meeting badge. **The form is a one-time submission.**

(c) All participants entering ESCAP premises are subject to thermal screening at all entrances. Those with a temperature of more than 37.3°C will not be allowed to enter ESCAP premises.

(d) The Secretariat may provide self-test kits at the time of issuance of meeting badges. Participants may be required to take a COVID-19 rapid antigen test each morning, except on day 5 after arrival,² before attending in-person meetings, and to report the results using the mobile application or the web portal. All in-person meeting participants may be required to take the test regardless of whether they have symptoms or not. Guidance for taking the rapid antigen test and

¹ Available at <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=2zWeD09UYE-9zF6kFubccHSWB0mcbbdGh1C3sB6kNldUMThLM1dBV05CNVdRSkhVQzZFUktWWVNDTyQIQCN0PWcu&web=1&wdLOR=cEFD3BE86-4D39-47AE-8C77-C1FF4425A38E>.

² On day 5 after arrival, participants should test themselves using the official self-test kit provided by their hotel; see para. 15 (c) of the present note.

uploading the results via the mobile application or the web portal will be provided on the meeting portal closer to the start of the meetings.

(e) Participants should ensure that they carry health insurance details in case external medical assistance or hospitalization is required.

17. Participants are also advised of the following measures and recommendations set out by UNCC for the duration of the meetings:

(a) Follow the instructions provided by the Secretariat and the support staff on the ground, especially through the video on COVID-19 for meeting participants at UNCC and signage at the venue.

(b) Sit in designated areas and observe a minimum physical distance from other people of 1 meter at all times. Avoid close contact with other people inside and outside the meeting venue to limit potential exposure to COVID-19.

(c) Wash your hands regularly. Hand hygiene facilities will be provided for the duration of the meetings.

(d) Wear a well-fitting face mask that fully covers your mouth and nose. The mask should be worn before, during and after meetings and in all shared public spaces, in line with the host country's public health requirements, except when taking the floor to speak at meetings and when eating or drinking.

(e) Avoid sharing personal items.

(f) Good ventilation at the meeting venue has been prioritized. Avoid poorly ventilated spaces, particularly in hotels and during external interactions. Whenever possible, keep hotel windows open to facilitate optimal ventilation.

(g) Practice correct coughing and sneezing etiquette. Ensure that you cover your cough or sneeze into a disposable tissue or your elbow.

(h) If you feel unwell during the meetings, do not ignore the symptoms. Call medical services at extensions 1352, 1353 or 1761 during business hours for further guidance. After business hours, call the United Nations Medical Officer at 0-2288-1353 for further guidance. In case of a medical emergency on ESCAP premises, call the United Nations Department for Safety and Security at 02 288 1102/1120 for assistance in calling an ambulance.

(i) If you test positive by means of a self-test kit, self-isolate and inform the Secretariat (Sandeep.Bhambra@un.org with a copy to maud.barcelomartinez@un.org) of your COVID-19 status in order to trigger any necessary contact tracing.

C. Measures to take after the meeting

18. Departure from Thailand:

(a) Upon request, the SHA Extra Plus certified hotels will organize COVID-19 RT-PCR testing for the purposes of travel back from Thailand. Participants will be required to cover the cost of these tests.

(b) Any participant whose pre-travel test is positive is required to contact the UNCC Clinic for guidance on subsequent action and support (see para. 17 (h) above for contact numbers). In this instance, if the affected participant is funded by the Secretariat, they will need to defer travel by liaising with the designated travel focal point.

(c) Passengers travelling out of Thailand must check and comply with the travel- and health-related requirements of the transit and destination countries for their travel.

19. Self-monitoring after the meetings:

(a) After participating in in-person meetings, participants are expected to monitor their health closely for 14 days, being alert to the development of a fever or any other COVID-19 symptoms.

(b) To facilitate contact tracing, participants should immediately contact the Secretariat (Sandeep.Bhambra@un.org with a copy to maud.barcelomartinez@un.org) if they are diagnosed with COVID-19 within 14 days of leaving Bangkok.

D. Other health measures

20. Participants who have travelled from or through countries that have been declared “yellow fever infected areas” by the Thai Ministry of Public Health are required to provide a valid international health certificate proving that they have received a yellow fever vaccination. Upon arrival, applicants must present the relevant international health certificate at the Health Control Office before proceeding to immigration. A valid vaccination certificate means that the vaccine was administered at least 10 days before travel to Thailand. Information on requirements for yellow fever vaccination can be found at the following link: <https://www.mfa.go.th/en/page/list-of-countries-which?menu=5e1ff729c4281a00c95bd753>.
21. The international health certificate must be submitted together with the visa application form.
22. Thailand is experiencing sporadic transmission of the mosquito-borne Zika virus. All travellers are advised to protect themselves from mosquito bites while in Thailand. Given the possibility of transmission of the disease to unborn babies, pregnant women should consider postponing travel to Thailand or consult their doctor about the implications of travelling to Thailand.
23. In addition to the above, the UNHQ Medical Services Division advises pregnant United Nations personnel not to undertake duty travel or be relocated to countries/areas where local transmission of Zika virus is known to occur. Women seeking pregnancy should obtain individualized advice from their medical practitioner on risk management regarding their plans to travel into a Zika-affected area. For further information, please refer to the Zika virus FAQ, available at <http://www.unescap.org/commission/76/files/ZikaFAQ.pdf>.
24. Participants are advised to get vaccinated against diseases such as hepatitis A, tetanus and typhoid.
25. United Nations buildings are smoke-free areas. Smoking is only allowed in the designated areas outside the buildings.

VI. Pre-registration, on-site registration and identification badges

26. Focal points for each party to the Montreal Protocol are required to register all the members of their delegation using the link included in the email invitation to the meetings. The registration system contains participant information from previous Montreal Protocol meetings, which can be updated and used to register for the current meetings.
27. A priority pass will be sent by email to each pre-registered delegate shortly before the meeting. Upon presentation of the priority pass and a valid passport or identification card, delegates will be able to collect their pre-printed identification badges from the UNCC registration desk.
28. Organizations that wish to send observers to the meetings but have not received an invitation are requested to send an email to mea-ozoneinfo@un.org.
29. Pre-registered participants are encouraged to collect their identification badges at the main entrance of the meeting venue any time after 9 a.m. on Saturday, 9 July 2022. Participants are requested to present valid passports or identification cards and the clearance email from ESCAP (see para. 16 (b) above) when collecting their badges, which must be worn at all times in the meeting venue. Please note that for security reasons, badges must be displayed to gain admission both to UNCC and to the meeting rooms. The loss of an identification badge must be communicated to the staff at the registration desk immediately so that a replacement can be issued.
30. Participants may also register on site from 9 a.m. on Saturday, 9 July 2022, and thereafter from 8 a.m. daily for the duration of the meetings.
31. For any questions regarding registration for the meetings, please contact the Secretariat (Betty.Kamanga@un.org or Jacqueline.Gitau@un.org).

VII. Financial assistance to parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 and countries with economies in transition

A. Financial assistance

32. Limited funds are available to facilitate the participation of representatives of parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 and countries with economies in transition in the meetings. Should your Government require such assistance, please submit an official request by email to

mea-ozoneinfo@un.org or Meg.Seki@un.org no later than **Friday, 20 May 2022**, providing the name and details of the participant nominated for financial support. Financial assistance will be based on equitable geographical balance, rotation of funding within a region, membership of the various bodies under the Montreal Protocol, gender balance and the timeliness of submission of the request.

33. The financial assistance includes a return air ticket using the most appropriate and economical fare as approved by the United Nations, to be issued by the official United Nations travel agency in Nairobi, and DSA for Bangkok. As at 1 April 2022, the DSA rate for Bangkok is **\$228** per day; that rate is, however, subject to change. For further enquiries regarding the financial assistance that may be provided to representatives of eligible countries, please contact the Secretariat (Ann.Gachingiri@un.org).

34. If a participant is required to travel to another country to apply for and collect a visa, the Secretariat will provide the airfare for a route through that country by using the most appropriate and economical fare as approved by the United Nations, but will not provide DSA for any transit stay in that country.

B. Debit card for daily subsistence allowance

35. Consistent with established practice, the Secretariat will issue a debit card to each eligible participant at the meeting venue. The debit card will be activated on the day it is given to the participant, and can be used to withdraw money from any ATM with a MasterCard logo or to pay for goods and services. The card is valid until the expiry date indicated on its face and can be used internationally.

36. The debit card will be loaded with the United States dollars equivalent of the eligible amount; however, withdrawals from ATMs are typically in the currency of the country in which the ATM is located. Bank charges associated with withdrawal of cash from an ATM and exchange rate charges associated with purchases of goods and services are the responsibility of the participant. There is a charge of \$5 for each withdrawal from an ATM. Since ATMs issue cash in specific denominations and in limited quantities, it may not be possible to withdraw the full amount of cash on the card; however, the residual balance may be used for small purchases. The card may not be used beyond its expiry date.

37. The reuse of valid debit cards issued at previous meetings of the United Nations Environment Programme is strongly encouraged. A debit card can be reloaded with DSA for the current meeting, provided that it has not expired and the participant has retained the PIN code for the card. Eligible participants who wish to reuse a debit card issued at a previous meeting should email a copy of the card to be reused to the Secretariat (Ann.Gachingiri@un.org).

VIII. Meeting documents and presentations

38. Consistent with established practice, the Secretariat will use a web-based system to provide access to meeting documents and process conference room papers and to provide other general information during the meetings. The system can be accessed using a laptop or hand-held device that can connect to the Wi-Fi network at the conference venue and requires a browser (such as Internet Explorer, Firefox or Chrome). No additional software is required. The Secretariat, in cooperation with UNCC, will provide a stable and fast internet connection at the meeting venue. Documents and information will also be accessible via the mobile application for the meetings. Participants are requested to download the “UN Environment Events” application in advance of the meetings.

39. Representatives participating in closed contact groups, if any, will be assigned passwords to enable them to access the private shared workspaces of those groups. Secretariat support staff will be on hand throughout the meetings to provide assistance as necessary.

A. Meeting portals

40. Pre-session documents will be available on the meeting portal at the following links:

- (a) OEWG44: <https://ozone.unep.org/meetings/44th-meeting-open-ended-working-group-parties>
- (b) ImpCom68: <https://ozone.unep.org/meetings/68th-meeting-implementation-committee> (the password required to access the portal will be included in the invitation letter sent to participants)
- (c) ExMOP5: <https://ozone.unep.org/meetings/fifth-extraordinary-meeting-parties-montreal-protocol>

B. Conference room papers

41. Conference room papers and draft meeting reports will be accessible via the meeting portal. Parties wishing to submit conference room papers should email them to Ms. Liazzat Rabbiosi (rabbiosi@un.org).

C. Meeting rooms

42. To reserve rooms for regional and bilateral meetings before the start of the meetings, kindly send an email to the Secretariat (Sandeep.Bhambra@un.org with a copy to Esther.Nginyo@un.org) indicating the date, time, duration and number of participants. Owing to the limited availability of rooms at UNCC, the Secretariat may not be able to fulfil all requests.

43. Requests to reserve rooms **once the meetings have started** should be made to the Conference Officer, Mr. Thanachit Phansiri, by email (phansiri@un.org).

IX. List of participants

44. A preliminary list of participants will be distributed in plenary session before the closure of the meeting for individual verification of participants' contact details. Delegates are requested to verify the accuracy of the information on the list, including names, designations, contact information and the order in which the names of delegation members are presented, and to sign the list and return it to the meeting room attendants or to the helpdesk. Corrections can also be sent to Betty.Kamanga@un.org and Jacqueline.Gitau@un.org. The final list of participants will be made available on the meeting portal within two weeks of the closure of the meeting.

X. Side events, exhibitions and promotional material

45. Owing to the limited number of rooms available at UNCC, the number of side events will be limited to two during the lunch break (between 1 and 3 p.m.) and two in the evening (between 6 and 7 p.m.) for the duration of the meetings.

46. Requests for side events and exhibitions should be made by completing the **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**online request form available at <http://ozone.unep.org/en/side-events-and-exhibitions-request-form>. The deadline for submission of applications is **Monday, 6 June 2022**. The Secretariat will make the bookings on a first come, first served basis. No late applications will be considered. All costs related to the rental of equipment for side events or exhibitions will be borne by the requesting organization.

47. With regard to side events, the Secretariat reserves the right to alter bookings, in consultation with organizers, to accommodate contact groups and regional groups. For information regarding side events and exhibitions, please contact the Secretariat (Stephanie.Haysmith@un.org with a copy to Jacqueline.Gitau@un.org).

48. Delegations planning to set up an exhibition should ship promotional material and publications, clearly marking them, "No commercial value. For conference distribution only", to the following address:

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
United Nations Building
Rajdamnern Nok Avenue
Bangkok 10200
Thailand
Attention: Ms. Diana Park
(For UNEP/OEWG44) Chief, Conference Management Unit, ESCAP
Email: Hyekyungdiana.Park@un.org
Tel.: +66 2-288 1362

49. Catering for side events can be arranged by contacting Ms. Kotchaporn Arreeraj (kotchaporn.arreeraj@un.org, tel.: +66 2 288 1408) and Ms. Kasama Vidhayasai (vidhayasai@un.org, tel.: +66 2 288 1181). Information on catering is available at <https://unescap.org/uncc/social-functions-and-catering/catering-smart-order>. Event organizers offering boxed lunches are responsible for returning empty lunch boxes to the caterer immediately after the meal. Failure to comply with this request may result in charges for losses.

XI. Local transportation

50. Until further notice, participants arriving from abroad are required to be transported from the airport to hotels using the airport transfer methods included in the accommodation package arranged by Sha Extra Plus hotels in Thailand.
51. Participants should make their own transport arrangements to and from UNCC. Metered taxis are readily available in the city. Some hotels close to UNCC provide complementary transport to and from the Centre according to fixed schedules.
52. Movement within the city is facilitated by commuter taxis, tuk-tuks and the rail system; all are safe and readily available outside most hotels.

XII. Safety and security

53. The contact information for the United Nations Department of Safety and Security in Bangkok is:
- Security Control Centre (24/7): +66 2 288 1102; +66 2 288 1113
 - Emergency: +66 2 288 1100
 - Mobile: +66 81 807 8471
54. The Thailand emergency numbers are:
- Police general emergency: 191
 - Fire: 199
 - Ambulance and rescue: 1554
 - Tourism Police: 1155

XIII. Local currency

55. Participants may bring unrestricted sums of foreign currency into Thailand in the form of cash, traveller's cheques, bank drafts, letters of credit or other banking instruments, which may be exchanged for Thai currency at the prevailing exchange rates. However, participants may be required to declare the value of the currency in their possession on arrival at Suvarnabhumi Airport.
56. Currency exchange facilities are available at hotels and at Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch, located on the first floor of the Service Building (telephone extensions 2168 and 2169). Opening hours are 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Monday to Friday.
57. ATMs are available throughout Bangkok, and credit cards such as American Express, MasterCard and Visa are accepted in major hotels and shopping malls.

XIV. Local weather and time

58. The temperature in Bangkok in July averages 26°C to 33°C (78°F to 92°F). Light clothing will be appropriate, although the evenings can be cooler.
59. The conference rooms are air-conditioned and the temperature is maintained in the range of 23°C to 24°C (73°F to 75°F).
60. The standard time zone in Thailand is UTC + 7 hours.

XV. Language

61. Thai is the main language in Thailand. Other languages spoken include Chinese, Lao, Malay and Mon-Khmer, while English is more prevalent in government and commercial settings. English is also taught as a second language in secondary schools and universities, which may enable the English-speaking visitor in Thailand to converse. However, taxi and tuk-tuk drivers often have very limited knowledge of English. Participants are therefore encouraged to carry the address of their hotel in Thai script.

XVI. Other practical information

A. Travel advisory

62. Visitors are advised to respect Thai customs at all times. Kindly note that Thailand has laws against making negative comments about the institution of the monarchy. Such laws are strictly enforced and are applicable to spoken and written language, gestures, and electronic communication, including via social media.

B. Accessibility support for persons with special needs

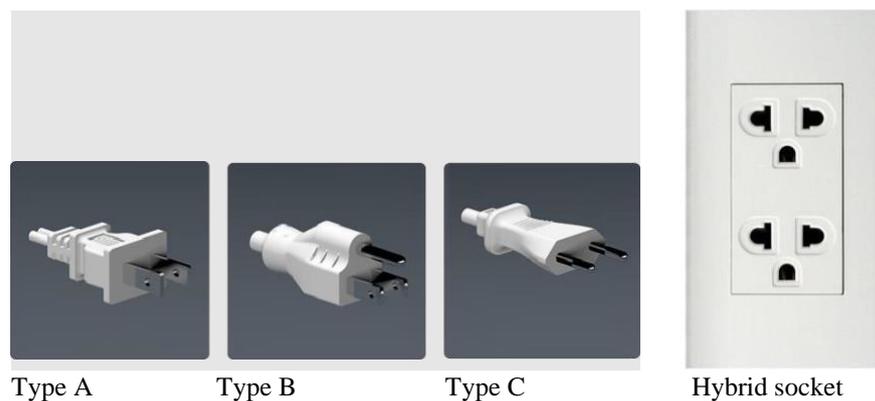
63. In order to enhance accessibility to UNCC for persons with special needs, including brain lesions and visual, physical, hearing and speech impairments, assistive devices are available upon request in a designated area at the Accessibility Centre, located on the first floor of UNCC. To reserve devices or for more information, please send an email to Pirzada@un.org.

C. Phone access codes

64. The country code for Thailand is 66 and the area code for Bangkok is 2.

D. Electrical power supply

65. The voltage in Thailand is 220 V running at 50 Hz, and the plug types used are A, B and C, shown below. Hybrid sockets, which accept all three types, are found in most hotels. Delegates are strongly encouraged to carry their own adapters for use with laptops and other electrical appliances, as **the Secretariat will not be able to provide adapters**. Adapters can be purchased from shops in the city dealing in electronic and electrical items.



E. SIM cards for cellular phones

66. Local SIM cards that can be used with unlocked phones are available from post offices, convenience stores and newsstands and at shops in the arrivals terminal. A valid passport is required for purchase of a SIM card.

F. Prayer and meditation rooms

67. The prayer and meditation rooms are located on the second floor of UNCC, by ESCAP Hall.

G. Post office

68. Postal services are available at the Post Office, United Nations Branch, on the ground floor of UNCC. Opening hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday, except on official holidays. The Post Office can be contacted at extensions 1260 and 2911.

H. Souvenir shop

69. The United Nations souvenir shop located on the first floor of UNCC is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. The shop can be contacted at extension 1295.

I. Restaurants and cafés

70. Catering services are available at the cafeteria, which is located on level 1 of UNCC, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch from Monday to Friday. The Rajapruek Lounge on the ground floor of UNCC is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday. In addition, a coffee corner serving sandwiches, pastries, coffee, tea and soft drinks is located on level 1 of UNCC and is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

71. Kindly note that to protect the environment, single-use cups are no longer available within the United Nations compound in Bangkok. For drinks in a cup, a deposit fee of 100 baht will apply in addition to the cost of the drink. The fee will be refunded once the cup is returned.

72. Restaurants, fast food outlets and food stands can be found throughout the city, offering a wide variety of international culinary choices around the clock.

XVII. Tourism

73. The American Express Global Business Travel (AMEX-GBT) office is located on Level 1, UNCC and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. The office can be contacted at extensions 2820, 2821, 2822 and 2823.

74. For tourist information on Bangkok and Thailand, please visit the official website <http://www.tourismthailand.org/>.

75. Hotels will have tourist information packages and should be able to advise participants about tourist attractions.

*Looking forward to seeing you in Bangkok!
Have a safe meeting experience!*
