



Guidelines on the use of cameras and audio/video recording

Guidelines on the use of cameras and audio/video recording by participants at meeting of the conference of the Parties to the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

The present guidelines apply to participants using cameras and/or audio/video recording devices within a Minamata Convention-designated meeting venue. As required, other guidance or instructions may apply when deemed necessary by the interim Minamata Convention Secretariat or United Nations (UN) Security, in conformity with the UN and United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment)'s rules and regulations.

A. Still Photographs

Still photographs may be taken by meeting participants within the Minamata Convention-designated conference venue's public areas, such as lobbies and corridors, and in meeting rooms provided that such activities are carried out unobtrusively and do not disrupt the activities or movements of other participants or the security provisions of that area.

In case of professional/commercial photographers accompanying a Party or observer delegation, these should be registered as a member of the delegation of the Party or observer and identified as such in the registration form, and the Party or observer is to provide information to the interim Secretariat on the purpose of the photographic assignment. The interim Secretariat approval is required for any such photographic assignments. Once approved by the Secretariat, the professional/commercial photographer will be assisted by the Secretariat staff of the UN security staff on site to complete his/her assignments, including by being escorted by the Secretariat or the UN security staff into meeting rooms or other areas should this be requested.

B. Video and Audio Recordings

Video and audio recordings may be made by participants in public areas, such as lobbies and corridors, provided that those making such recordings have the permission of those they wish to record and such activities do not disrupt the activities or movements or other participants or the security provisions of that area.

Audio and video recordings by Party or observer participants during open and closed official meetings, including contact groups, and in designated high-security zones, are not permitted.

Any professional/commercial audio, video or film producers and technicians that may be accompanying Parties and observers should be registered as member of the delegation of the Party or observer and identified as such in the registration form, and the Party or observer is to provide information to the interim Secretariat on the purpose of the audio, video or film production. The Secretariat approval is required for any such audio or video assignments. Once approved by the interim Secretariat, the professional/commercial producer and technicians will be assisted by the Secretariat staff or the UN security staff on site to complete their assignments, including by being escorted by the Secretariat or the UN security staff into meeting rooms or other areas should this be requested.



C. Measures

Any non-observer of these guidelines will normally be resolved in consultation between the interim Secretariat and the relevant meeting participant and/or the entity it represents. It may involve other meeting participants if deemed necessary by the interim Secretariat.

Kindly note that, in conformity with applicable UN/UNEP rules and regulations, the BRS Secretariat and the UN Security reserve the right to take the following measures for non-observance of the above:

- (a) Confiscation of the representative's badge;
- (b) Removal of the representative from the premises;
- (c) Confiscation of unauthorized material;
- (d) Any other measure falling within their mandate that is deemed appropriate or necessary.

For the purpose of paragraphs 7 and 8, the interim Secretariat and the UN Security may act upon a complaint or on their own initiative.