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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 reiterate the criteria for inclusion on 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 criteria are as follows: the diplomatic envoy 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;

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- (3) possess a recognized diplomatic title: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Ambassador, Minister Plenipotentiary, Minister, Minister Counselor, Counselor, First Secretary, Second Secretary, Third Secretary, Attache, or Assistant Attache;
- (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.

Each of the aforementioned criteria must be met.

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.