Access to the ITU HQ Premises

Since **February 2018**, access to the ITU HQ premises has been revised for event delegates, with the installation of security equipment and systems that are part of the security modernization project in the headquarters premises. The "SASs" in the Tower and Varembé as well as the "speed gates" in the Tower are operational since the first quarter of 2018.

It is recalled that the main objective of the security modernization project was to enhance the security of staff, delegates, visitors, and security of ITU assets by installing new modern technology. To this effect the **Tower Building** and **Varembé Building** access points are being equipped with electronically monitored security airlock systems (SASs). The **Montbrillant Building** access point is equipped with electronically monitored Speed Gate. Each SAS and Speed Gate is activated by access control technology that requires individual identification prior to entering or exiting the premises. This access control equipment prevents opportunistic access, commonly referred to as "piggy backing" (i.e., an attempt to gain access to a controlled area by following closely behind another authorized person).

All accredited delegates who have received a Mifare photo badge - without biometric data - are allowed to **ENTER** the premises through the access points of the **Tower and Montbrillant buildings**. Entry through the Tower building is only allowed from Monday to Friday from 7am to 10pm (excluding public holidays). These same accredited delegates are authorized to **EXIT** through the three [3] access points (i.e., Tower, Varembé and Montbrillant).

Announced visitors who have received a Mifare photo badge are allowed to ENTER the premises only through the Montbrillant building access point but are allowed to LEAVE through all three [3] access points (i.e., Tour, Varembé and Montbrillant).

In line with the security enhancement strategy of the modernization project, long-term accredited delegates (who hold an accreditation valid for one year or more) who have obtained a "Biometric Smartcard", or access to the "HID Mobile Access" application on a smartphone, may enter the Tower and Montbrillant access points 24 hours a day.

It is important to note that the **Montbrillant building** is the main access point for all ITU business operations. The area has a security control operations center, staffed on a 24-hour basis.

Registration and badge distribution for all delegates and announced visitors is done in this area.

Non-badged visitors are all required initially to undergo security controls at the Montbrillant Lobby, similar to those at an airport (i.e., metal detectors for person and x-ray tunnels for bags).

UNOG accredited photo badges (e.g., UN system Staff, or Permanent Mission Staff), can be programmed in the ITU access control system, so that the holders of those badges can have access to the HQ premises, and don't require a second badge to be prepared for them.

Reference to the project objectives as well as decisions, can be seen in Council documents C16/72, C16/70, and C17/63.