



UNITED NATIONS

STRENGTHENING ACCESS CONTROLS TO THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

Users of the Palais des Nations are kindly informed that starting 1 of February 2017, access to the Palais will be made more secure and most of the doors will be controlled by a centralized access security system and can only be opened by means of a magnetic United Nations grounds pass issued to authorized users. Only four doors (C6, A15, A17 and E40) will be accessible without a magnetic grounds pass from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during working days to enable access to visitors and conference participants. Users can also exit the Palais through these four doors after 7 p.m.

WHAT IS THIS SECURITY MEASURE ABOUT AND WHY IS IT NECESSARY ?

This measure enhances protection of the Palais des Nations by securing access to the buildings and mitigates security risks. It will also help to determine the number of staff and other users in the Palais at any given time, in case of an evacuation.

WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT FROM NOW ON ?

With the introduction of this measure, most of the doors to the Palais will be controlled by the existing access security system at all times. Holders of a magnetic United Nations grounds pass issued by the Security and Safety Service must use them to enter and exit the Palais. These magnetic grounds passes are proximity cards that can be read from a distance by the sensor located next to each door, from both inside and outside.

WHO ARE HOLDERS OF MAGNETIC UNITED NATIONS GROUNDS PASSES ?

Magnetic United Nations grounds passes are issued to different categories of users, including UNOG and non-UNOG staff, retirees, United Nations high-level officials, duly accredited representatives of non-governmental organizations, United Nations-accredited media professionals, diplomatic and support staff of the permanent missions to UNOG, holders of courtesy passes, authorized businesses, certain host country officials and other affiliated persons (such as consultants, interns,...).

WHAT ABOUT VISITORS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS ?

Visitors and conference participants are given a short-term paper grounds pass issued by the Security and Safety Service. They can enter and exit the Palais through any of the four doors that do not require the use of a magnetic grounds pass from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. during working days. These doors (C6, A15, A17 and E40) have been identified as being the most useful accesses to the Palais for visitors and conference participants and they will be under special security surveillance.

CAN VISITORS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS ENTER AND EXIT THROUGH OTHER DOORS ?

Visitors and conference participants should enter and exit through any of the four doors available to them. However, as there are no turnstiles at the other doors, “tailgating” (entering and exiting behind a magnetic grounds pass holder) will no doubt occur. However, it should be clear to everyone that “tailgating” is against internal security rules.

WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HOLDERS OF UNITED NATIONS MAGNETIC GROUNDS PASSES IF “TAILGATING” OCCURS ?

Holders of magnetic United Nations grounds passes should not facilitate access to visitors and conference participants through any door other than the doors specifically available for their use. Rather, they should direct visitors and conference participants to one of the four doors (C6, A15, A17 and E40) that would enable them to access the Palais in a more efficient manner.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A VISITOR OR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT NEEDS TO EXIT THROUGH ONE OF THE DOORS AVAILABLE TO THEM AFTER 7 P.M. ?

All of the four doors are equipped with a clearly visible “Exit” button that will allow users to open the door.

IF ALL THE DOORS ARE CLOSED, WHAT HAPPENS IN CASE OF AN EVACUATION ?

All the doors are monitored by the Security Control Centre. In case of an evacuation, the electronic access control system will be deactivated.

IS THIS MEASURE GOING TO BE LONG LASTING ?

Turnstiles or speed gates will be installed at the doors to prevent “tailgating”. The current limitations will be monitored through an increased level of surveillance of the accesses by both security officers and closed-circuit television cameras.

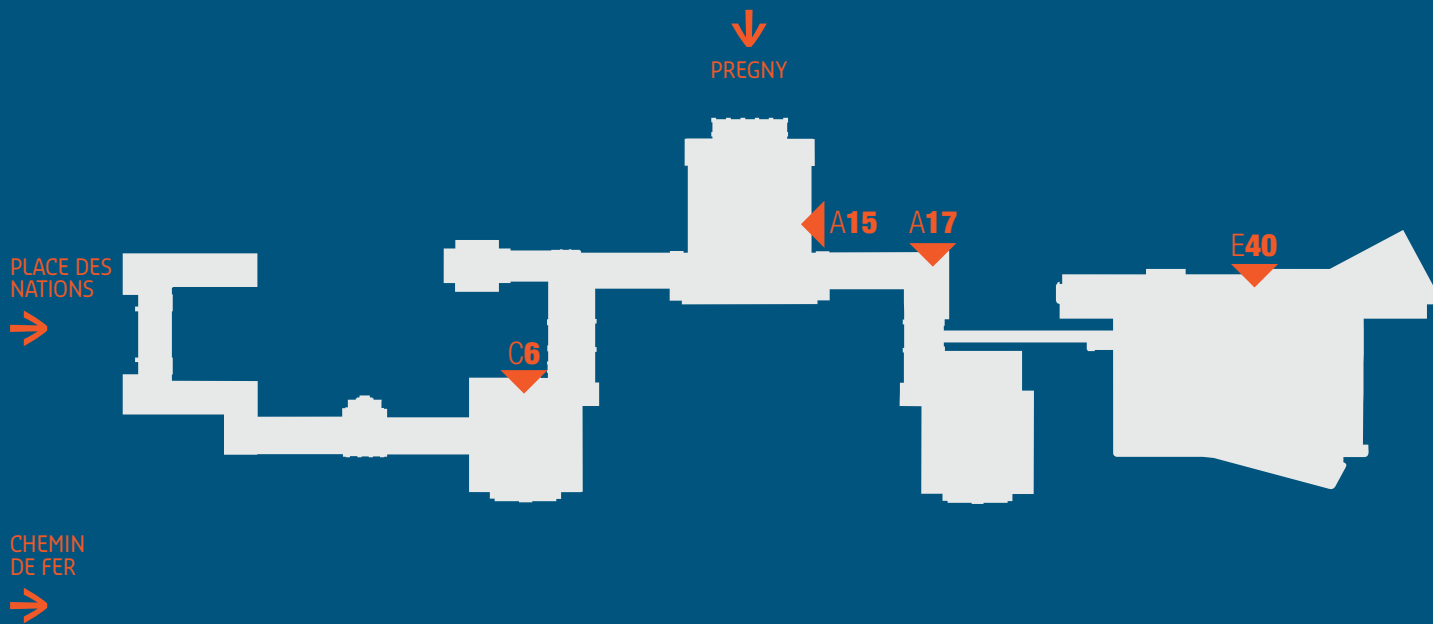
WHAT HAPPENS IF A STAFF MEMBER OR OTHER HOLDER OF A MAGNETIC UNITED NATIONS GROUNDS PASS GOES OUTSIDE TO SMOKE WITHOUT HIS OR HER PASS ?

First of all, the person will not be able to exit through one of the controlled doors without his or her pass, unless he or she was tailgating. Staff are reminded to wear their ground passes at all times, or use one of the four doors that open without a magnetic grounds pass.

HOW WOULD PERSONS WITH REDUCED MOBILITY ACCESS THE PALAIS ?

Persons with reduced mobility will be given another pass that will allow them to use all the doors in the Palais.

OPEN ACCESS (7.00-19.00)
THROUGH **DOORS C6, A15, A17 ET E40**



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