



SECURITY ADVISORY

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Security Advice during the UNCCD COP 12 Conference in Ankara at the Ato Congressium Conference Center 12-23 October 2015

Due to the size and logistics associated with the conference, there will be some impact on access to Ato Congressium Facility and operations, as well as movements in the immediate vicinity of the facility. Kindly plan your activities in advance to ensure easy access.

There is no known specific threat to the UNCCD COP 12 Conference in Ankara.

Host Country Authorities will have Police presence at the respective Hotels and in the immediate vicinity of the Conference venue. UN Security will secure the Conference Venue with Host Government Support.

Kindly Cooperate with Security Personnel.

General elections are planned for on 1 November 2015. It is envisaged that there may be political tensions leading up to the elections. Due to the unfortunate terrorist incident that occurred in Ankara on 10/10/2015, it is suggested that delegates to the UNCCD Conference and Staff avoid crowded areas within the city.

The following is suggested:

- Limit your exposure: Minimize your presence at crowded areas
- Be vigilant: Observe your surroundings and immediately report any suspicious item or behaviour to the first available security personnel - both in or around the Conference Venue and public places.
- Ensure that you are part of your organizations communications tree (email/tel). Inform colleagues of your movements if any in order to ensure accountability.
- At the Conference Venue, kindly follow Security instructions and if you require any assistance approach a Uniformed United Nations Security Officer.
- Do not leave your belongings unattended to anywhere within the Conference Venue.
- The Joint Operations Centre and Lost and Found is located on the 2nd floor of the Conference Facility.
- In the case of a Fire Alarm at the Venue, follow the directions of Security Personnel.