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The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions and Observer Offices to the United Nations and has the honor to inform them of important format changes to Department-issued driver’s licenses.

The Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) is the sole authority for issuance of Department of State driver’s licenses and Non-Driver Identification cards for persons entitled to varying levels of immunity in the United States. Beginning May 2017, OFM will implement a modified layout to its driver’s licenses and non-driver identification cards to provide enhanced security for the credentials, as well as to meet updated American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) standards for credentials. These changes will only impact current license holders seeking replacement or renewal OFM driver’s licenses, as well as
all new applicants, who will be issued a new credential with the new format. A flyer showing the differences between the old and the new layout is enclosed.

The Department requests that the Permanent Missions and Observer Offices to the United Nations ensure this information is thoroughly disseminated to all mission members.

The Permanent Missions and Observer Offices to the United Nations may direct any questions regarding this matter to the Department’s Office of Foreign Missions Office of Diplomatic Motor Vehicles either by electronic mail to OFMDMV@state.gov or by telephone at 646-282-2825.

The United States Mission to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission and Observer Offices to the United Nations the assurances of its highest consideration.

Enclosure:

As stated.
UPDATED OFFICE OF FOREIGN MISSIONS DRIVER’S LICENSES

Beginning May 2017, the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) will begin issuing driver’s licenses and non-driver identification cards that have been updated with a modified layout. The modified layout is being implemented in order to meet updated driver’s license standards instituted by the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA). Below are samples of the updated driver’s licenses. The previous-style licenses will remain in circulation and valid until expiration. For more information, please visit www.state.gov/ofm/dmv or direct questions to the numbers on the back of the card.

**UPDATED** Driver’s License — Beginning May 2017

**PREVIOUS STYLE** Driver’s License — will remain in circulation through 2020