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The Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa (DIRCO) presents its compliments to Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations accredited to the Republic of South Africa and has the honour to inform all Missions of the following regarding driving at the OR Tambo Building, 460 Soutpansberg Road, Rietondale and on South African roads.

In terms of Article 41.1 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, 1961, - Without prejudice to their privileges and immunities, it is the duty of all persons enjoying such privileges and immunities to respect the laws and regulations of the receiving State. Members of the Diplomatic Corps are reminded that the Road Traffic Act, 1996 (Act No 93 of 1996) is applicable when entering the O R Tambo Building and the following must be adhered to:

- The prescribed maximum speed limit is 15 km per hour.
- Care should be taken when overtaking especially when approaching any spot where the view is restricted to such an extent that overtaking could be hazardous to traffic approaching from the opposite direction.
- Driving in the opposite direction of oncoming traffic is prohibited at all times.
- Stop signs and other road signals must be respected at all times.
- Care should be taken to observe pedestrians.
- Paraplegic parking bays are reserved for the use of persons with disabilities only.
- Vehicles should be parked only in spaces allocated for Diplomatic or Visitors parking.
- No vehicle may be parked in such a manner that obstructs movement by any other vehicle.

Members of the Diplomatic Corps are furthermore reminded that all accredited representatives and members of their officially recognized households are requested to adhere to traffic laws and regulations and should familiarize themselves with the provisions of the South African Road Code, as contained in the Road Traffic Act, 1996 and the Road Traffic Regulations. In this regard all traffic and speeding fines issued by South African law enforcement agencies must be paid.

Missions are requested to further familiarize themselves with the Policy on the Management of Immunities and Privileges as posted on the DIRCO website, www.dirco.gov.za under State Protocol, Diplomatic Immunities and Privileges. Para 1.12, pages 31 to 40 refer.

The Department of International Relations and Cooperation of the Republic of South Africa avails itself of this opportunity to renew to Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations accredited to the Republic of South Africa the assurances of its highest consideration.



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