Being interpreted in a pandemic

(REMOTE INTERPRETING)



Remote Interpreting:





You participate in a meeting from your home/office using a computer and via the Internet

You are not in the same physical meeting room with other delegates



Interpretation in this set up is challenging because:

- Sound (and picture) quality is lower than in a regular meeting
- Sound (and picture) quality is uneven
- Technical problems crop up

What interpreters do to mitigate these difficulties:

- We underwent training on the use of remote interpretation platforms
- We all use the same standard quality equipment
- We connect to the Internet via cable (Ethernet)



What you can do to ensure:



Interpreters can hear (and see) you



And therefore can interpret you



Interpretation does not stop for technical reasons

Our recommendations on



Internet connection recommendations:



Via an Ethernet cable connected to the modem (rather than Wi-fi)



Use a computer (instead of a tablet or a smartphone)

Microphone recommendations:



- Use a unidirectional microphone, separate or attached to a headset (not spider/earpod/earbud/built-in microphone)
- Preferably with a USB connection to your computer
- The microphone should provide for echo cancellation
- Ensure it is not too far from or too close to you
- Speak directly into the microphone

Surroundings recommendations:



You should **be indoors and** somewhere quiet



Turn off background sounds and noises (e.g. loud air conditioning)



Turn off sound notifications on your electronic devices



Close non-essential applications on your computer



Your meeting platform should be open in just one browser



Camera recommendations:

- Double check that your camera is turned on
- It should provide a clear front-on view of the speaker from the waist up
- Avoid strong backlight (e.g., a window)

Dos and Don'ts:



Only turn your microphone <u>on</u> when taking the floor



Keep papers away from the microphone to avoid the rustling sound

Speak at a moderate pace

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If you intend to read a prepared statement please give a copy to the interpreters in advance.



Remember to turn the microphone <u>off</u> at the end of your statement and keep it muted when you are not speaking.

Thank you for your attention.

• We are looking forward to providing you with interpretation service!