

Ground Rules for Coverage of Periodic Review Boards
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1. Ground Rules - The United States Department of Defense (DoD) will facilitate access to certain portions of the Periodic Review Board (PRB) proceedings for news media representatives (NMR), Non-Government Organizations (NGO), and Foreign Government Officials (FGO) consistent with current security requirements of the Periodic Review Secretariat (PRS).

Failure to comply with these ground rules could result in the removal of the participant from the viewing location and revocation of NMR, NGO, and/or FGO access and prohibition of the parent organization from further access to PRB hearings.

By signing this document, the NMR, NGO, or FGO agrees to the following:

- a) If protected information is disclosed during a PRB session, the board presiding member will request a media embargo and/or a pause in the proceedings until the status of the information is determined. If, after review, the information is determined to be classified, NMRs, NGOs, and/or FGOs will not publicly report or disseminate the information.
- b) No audio recording, video recordings, photographs or other electronic images, or drawings, sketches or likenesses of participants may be rendered.
- c) Electronic devices (to include but is not limited to the following items) such as tape recorders, cellular telephones, laptop computers, tablets, fitness tracking devices, e-readers, cameras or any other type of imaging equipment with recording capabilities, data storage capabilities, and Wi-Fi capabilities shall not be brought into the hearing observation room. Writing materials may be brought into the hearing observation room, so long as they do not contain an electronic recording capability.
- d) The identities of PRB members and staff, to include the detainee's personal representative and translators, will not be publicly disclosed.
- e) An NMR/NGO/FGO will not be considered in violation of these ground rules for re-publishing protected information or identities that were legitimately obtained independent of observing the PRB hearings.

2. Agree to Abide – NMRs, NGOs, and FGOs must thoroughly read, agree to, and sign these Ground Rules for Coverage of Periodic Review Boards prior to being allowed to observe Periodic Review Board proceedings. Failure to follow these ground rules or the instructions of the DoD escorts may result in denial of access to future hearings.

By signing this document, the NMR/NGO/FGO is agreeing to abide by these ground rules.

If additional information is required, contact OSD Public Affairs at 703-971-5131 or osd.pentagon.pa.mbx.gtmo-press@mail.mil. Questions, comments, or concerns regarding these observer ground rules may also be directed to the PRS Law Enforcement Liaison by visiting the PRS.MIL website, under "Press Releases," and clicking on "Observer Authorization Approval" to send an email.

In signing this form you are acknowledging that you have read and understand the above ground rules and limitations. NMRs/NGOs/FGOs cannot access Periodic Review Board proceedings without signing this document.

Name _____ Affiliation _____

Position _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ Fax _____

I understand and will comply with the ground rules listed above. I also understand that the U.S. Government assumes no liability or responsibility for my personal safety or personal property.

News Media/NGO/FGO Representative

(Signature) _____ (Date) _____