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CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
Fourth meeting
Montreal, 21-23 November 2007

Information Note for Participants**1. Opening and registration**

The fourth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will be held in Montreal from Wednesday, 21 to Friday, 23 November 2007.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 21 November 2007, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 9 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

413 St. Jacques Street West
Suite 800
Montreal, Quebec
Canada
Metro, line 2 – Orange - station Square-Victoria

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English only.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=BSCC-04>

5. General information on access to Montreal

Montreal is serviced by Montreal-Trudeau International Airport (15 km from downtown). Taxis are available at the airport and there is a shuttle-bus service every 30 minutes.

Fares in Canadian dollars

Bus / Shuttles: Montreal-Trudeau /Downtown	One way trip \$14	Round trip \$25
Taxis: Montreal-Trudeau /Downtown	\$35 Fixed rate	N.A.

6. Visa/customs

Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below require an entry visa for Canada and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Canadian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. It should be noted that, under Canadian law, it is not possible to acquire a visa upon arrival in Canada. Furthermore, air line companies **do not allow boarding** in the absence of a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Canadian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the website of the Canadian Citizenship and Immigration at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/index.asp>.

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue upon request invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications.

7. Hotel information

Below is an indicative list of hotels (**annex B**) located in the vicinity of the CBD Secretariat or next to a Metro (subway) station. Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at:

<http://www.travelnow.com/hotels/hotnetlist.jsp?cid=54847&city=Montreal&stateProvince=PQ&country=CA>

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible**. To benefit from the special room rates some hotels are offering, please indicate that you will be attending a CBD meeting.

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive their DSA on the first day of the meeting.

9. Official languages in Canada

There are two official languages in Canada: English and French. French is the official language of the province of Quebec; however English is widely spoken in Montreal.

10. Weather and time zone information

In November, average temperatures in Montreal range between a maximum of 4.5°C in the daytime and a minimum of -3.6°C at night. The minimum temperature on any given day can, however, be substantially lower, especially with the wind-chill factor. There is also a distinct

possibility of snow and/or freezing rain. Participants are therefore strongly advised to bring with them warm winter clothing. The standard time zone will be GMT – 5 hours. For more information on weather, go to: <http://www.worldweather.org/056/c00634.htm>

11. Electricity

110 volts, 60 Hertz. [Two-pin, flat and vertical and round earth connection].

12. Currency

The currency in Canada is the Canadian Dollar (Can\$). The current exchange rate is US \$1 = CAD \$ 0.97 and Euro \$1 = CAD \$ 1.38.

13. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER CANADA AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a visa to **visit** or **transit** Canada:

A	E (cont'd)	L (Cont'd)	S (Cont'd)
Afghanistan	Eritrea	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Saudi Arabia
Albania	Ethiopia	Lithuania	Senegal
Algeria			Serbia
Angola	F	M	Seychelles
Argentina	Fiji	Macao S.A.R.	Sierra Leone
Armenia		Madagascar	Slovak Rep.
Azerbaijan	G	Malawi	Somalia
	Gabon	Malaysia	South Africa
B	Gambia	Maldives	Sri Lanka
Bahrain	Georgia	Mali	Sudan
Bangladesh	Ghana	Marshall Islands	Suriname
Belarus	Grenada	Mauritania	Syrian Arab Republic
Belize	Guatemala	Mauritius	
Benin	Guinea	Micronesia, Fed. States of	T
Bhutan	Guinea-Bissau	Moldova	Tajikistan
Bolivia	Guyana	Mongolia	Tanzania, United Republic of
Bosnia and Herzegovina		Montenegro	Thailand
Brazil	H	Morocco	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Bulgaria	Haiti	Mozambique	Togo
Burkina Faso	Honduras	Myanmar	Tonga
Burundi	Hungary		Trinidad and Tobago
		N	Tunisia
C	I	Nauru	Turkey
Cambodia	India	Nepal	Turkmenistan
Cameroon	Indonesia	Nicaragua	Tuvalu
Cape Verde	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Niger	
Central African Republic	Iraq	Nigeria	
Chad	Israel		
Chile	Ivory Coast	O	U
China		Oman	Uganda
Colombia	J		Ukraine
Comoros	Jamaica	P	United Arab Emirates
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Jordan	Pakistan	Uruguay
Congo, Republic of the		Palau	Uzbekistan
Costa Rica	K	Palestinian Authority	
Croatia	Kazakhstan	Panama	V
Cuba	Kenya	Paraguay	Vanuatu
Czech Republic	Kiribati	Peru	Venezuela
	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	Philippines	Viet Nam
D	Kuwait	Poland	
Djibouti	Kyrgyzstan	Q	Y
Dominica		Qatar	Yemen
Dominican Republic	L		
	Lao, People's Democratic Republic of	R	Z
E	Latvia	Romania	Zambia
East Timor	Lebanon	Russian Federation	Zimbabwe
Ecuador	Lesotho	Rwanda	
Egypt	Liberia		
El Salvador		S	
Equatorial Guinea		Sao Tomé e Príncipe	

Rate of exchange: US \$1 = CAD \$ 0.97 and
Euro \$1 = CAD \$ 1.38

Annex B

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN CANADIAN DOLLARS
PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TAXES: GST 6% + QST 7.5% = 13.95%

RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

A. FIVE STAR HOTELS	Number of rooms	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
1. Hotel Inter-Continental Montreal 360 St. Antoine Street West, Montreal Tel.: +1-514-847-8525 America toll free: +1-800 327-0200/361 3600 Fax: +1-514-847-8730 E-mail: montreal@interconti.com www.montreal.interconti.com	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superior and Deluxe rooms: \$162 Business and Club rooms: \$225 	Same building as the SCBD office	
B. FOUR-STAR HOTELS				
2. Delta Centre Ville 777 University Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-879-1370 Fax: +1-514-879-1761 www.deltahotels.com/bg3	712	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single: \$149 	About 5 minutes' walk	
3. Best Western 3407 Peel Street (corner of Peel and Sherbrooke Street) Montreal Tel: +1-514-288-4141 or Toll-free: +1-800-528-1234 Fax: +1-514-288-3021 www.hotelvillemarie.com	171	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single: \$129 Deluxe: \$144 Junior Suite: \$169 	About 20 minutes' walk	Room rates are inclusive of breakfast
4. Holiday Inn Select 99 Viger Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-878-9888 Fax: +1-514-878-6341 www.ichotelsgroup.com	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single or double: \$119 	About 10 minutes' walk	

B. FOUR STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
5. Hôtel de la Montagne 1430 de la Montagne Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-288-5656 Toll free in North America: + 1-800-361-6262 Fax : +1-514-288-9658 www.hoteldelamontagne.com	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deluxe KSB: \$155 • Deluxe 2QSB: \$175 • Suite: \$225 	About 20 minutes' walk	
6. Hotel Courtyard Marriott Montreal 410 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-844-8851 Fax: +1-514-844-0912 www.courtyardmontreal.com	181	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single or double occupancy: \$159 	About 20 minutes' walk	
7. Fairmont the Queen Elizabeth 900 Rene Levesque Blvd. West Montreal Tel: +1-514-861-3511 (ask for reservations) Global reservation Centre: 1-800-441-1414 Fax: +1-514-954-2258 E-mail: queenelizabethhotel@fairmont.com Web site: www.fairmont.com	1039	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairmont: \$185 • Fairmont junior suite: \$265 • Fairmont gold: \$285 	About 10 minutes' walk	The double room includes breakfast
8. Square Phillips (Hotel & Suites) 1193 Place Phillips Montreal H3B 3C9 Tel. + 1-514-393-1193 Fax: + 1-514-393-1192 www.squarephillips.com	160	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studios: \$125 • Junior suite 1 DB: \$135 • Junior suite 1 KSB: \$151 • 1 BR suite: \$158 • 2 BR suite: \$206 	About 10 minutes walk	
C. THREE-STAR HOTELS				
9. La Tour Centre-Ville 400 René-Lévesque Blvd. W. Montreal Tel.: + 1-514-866-8861 Fax: + 1-514-866-7257 www.hotelcentreville.com	N/A	Studio: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single: \$88 Small suite: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single: \$99 Large suite: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single: \$107 	About 15 minutes walk	

C. THREE-STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
10. Holiday Inn & Express Suites EX Hotel suites le Faubourg 155 René-Lévesque Blvd. East Montreal Tel.: +1-514-448-7100 Toll free: +1-800-398-7100 Fax: +1-514-448-7101 E-mail : info@hotelfaubourg.com www.hiemontreal.com	161	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single or double occupancy: \$134 	About 20 minutes' walk	
11. Hôtel Manoir des Alpes 1245 St. André Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-845-9803 Fax : +1-514845-9886 www.hotelmanoirdesalpes.qc.ca	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rooms: \$70 	About 15 minutes' walk	Including breakfast
12. Travelodge 50, René-Lévesque Blvd. West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-874-9090 Fax: +1-514-874-0907 E-mail: reserve@travellodgemontreal.ca www.travelodge.com	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single DB: \$89 Single QB: \$99 	About 20 minutes' walk	Including continental breakfast
13. L'Appartement-in-Montréal 455 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-284-3634 Fax: +1-514-287-1431 www.appartementhotel.com	126	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studio: \$108 1 BR suite: \$128 2 BR suite: \$173 	About 20 minutes' walk	
14. Hotel Le Dauphin 1025, De Bleury Montreal Tel: +1-514-788-3888 Fax: + 1-514-788-3889 E-mail: mtl_centre@hoteldauphin.ca www.hoteldauphin.ca	72	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single or double occupancy: \$129 	About 10 minutes' walk	Including continental breakfast