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LIAISON GROUP ON CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR BIOSAFETY First meeting Montreal, Canada 4-5 November 2002

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The first meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety will be held from Monday 4 November to Tuesday 5 November 2002. The official opening will be at 9 a.m. on 4 November 2002. Registration will take place at the seat of the Secretariat from 8:30 a.m.

Venue:

The meeting will be held on the premises of the **Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity** located downtown:

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD Secretariat) 393 Saint-Jacques Street (World Trade Centre / Centre de Commerce Mondial)

Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Access through metro, line 2 - Orange, station Square-Victoria, follow the exit sign

Telephone: +1 (514) 288-2220 Fax: +1 (514) 288-6588

"Centre de Commerce Mondial"

Access to Montreal:

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

Fares:

Bus / Shuttles:	One way trip	Round trip
Dorval / Downtown	\$ 11.00	\$19.75
Taxis:		
Dorval / Downtown	\$ 28.00 Fixed rate	N A

Accommodation in Montreal:

Please find attached an indicative list of hotels (Annex I) located in the vicinity of the Secretariat of the CBD or next to a Metro station (the Montreal Metro/Subway is safe). Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at the following website address: http://www.tourism-montreal.org

<u>Time Zone</u>:

Montreal is GMT less 4 hours.

Weather:

Weather in Montreal in November can be variable, ranging from night time lows of -3°C to daytime highs of 5 to 10°C. On occasion, the temperature can reach a 15°C. November weather is usually, so be prepared for cold showery conditions.

Voltage:

110 volts, 60 Hertz. Adapters can be purchased for about \$50 Can.

Visas / Customs

Please find attached (Annex III) a list of countries whose citizens require a visa to visit Canada.

Documents

The main pre-session documents for the meeting will be dispatched to the participants in due time. The documents will also be accessible at the Secretariat's web page at <<u>www.biodiv.org</u>>. Delegates are kindly reminded to bring their documents, as they will only be available at the meeting facilities in limited quantities for reasons of economy.

Credit Cards

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in Montreal.

Attached Annex I: List of hotels

Annex II: List of countries with visa requirements (in accordance with the list provided by the Government of Canada, on the website of the Canadian Department of Immigration www.cic.gc.ca)

Annex I

Hotel List

Prices given in Canadian currency are indicative and may be subject to changes:

\$1 US = appr. \$1.52 Canadian

\$1 Canadian = appr. \$0.66 US

Prices do not include taxes. (GST 7% + QST 7.5% = 15.03%). Tax refund is possible for non-Canadians. Please ask for forms at the registration desk during the meeting.

You must make your own reservations.

Lord Berri Hotel *** (formerly Days Inn Vieux Montreal) 20 minute-walk to the Secretariat

1199. Berri Street

Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 845-9236 Fax: + 1 (514) 849-9855 http://www.lordberri.com/ \$89 single, \$ 99 double

La Tour Centre - Ville ***

15 minute-walk to the Secretariat

400 René-Lévesque Blvd. W.

Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 866-8861 Fax: + 1 (514) 866-7257

Studios \$66.00, Small suite at \$70.00 for single occupancy, Big suite at \$75.00 for double occupancy + \$12.00 per additional person.

Travelodge ***

20 minute-walk to the Secretariat

50, René-Lévesque Blvd. W.

Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 874-9090 Fax: + 1 (514) 874-0907 http://www.travelodge.com/

Rooms at \$79.00, single or double occ., including breakfast

L'Appartement-in-Montréal ***

20 minute-walk to the Secretariat

455, Sherbrooke W.

Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 284-3634 Fax: + 1 (514) 287-1431 http://www.appartementin.com/ Studios \$90.00, single or double occ.

Best Western****

20 minute-walk to the Secretariat

3407 Peel Street (corner of Peel and Sherbrooke Street)

Montreal

Tel: 514-288-4141 Fax: 514-288-3021

http://www.hotelvillemarie.com

Room at Can\$ 91.00. Please mention United Nations/SCBD when making reservations

Delta Centre Ville **** (ex-Radisson)

5 minute-walk to the Secretariat

777 University

Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 879-1370 Fax: + 1 (514) 879-1761 http://www.deltahotels.com/

First class hotel

Rooms at \$135.00, single or double occ. Please mention United Nations/ICAO account #91317 when making reservations.

Hotel Inter-Continental Montréal ****

Located in the World Trade Centre Indoor access to the Secretariat by corridors

360 St-Antoine street West Montreal, Quebec

Tel.: + 1 (514) 847-8525 From North America toll free:1-800 327-0200/361 3600

Fax: 1 (514) 847-8730

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E-mail: <u>montreal@interconti.com</u> Website: http://montreal.interconti.com Rooms at \$149.00 Please mention ICAO rate when making reservations.

Holiday Inn Select **** (Chinatown, oriental food available) 10 minute-walk to the Secretariat

99 Viger West

Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 878-9888 Fax: +1 (514) 878-6341 http://www.hiselect-yul.com/ \$149 single or double occ.

Hôtel Manoir des Alpes ***

20 minute-walk to the Secretariat

1245, St-André St.

Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 845-9803 Fax: + 1 (514) 845-9886

http://www.hotelmanoirdesalpes.gc.ca/

\$75, single

Hôtel de la Montagne ****

 $20\ minute\mbox{-walk}$ to the Secretariat and 2

1430, de la Montagne Street minutes from Metro station

Montréal

Tel.: +1 (514) 288-5656 + 1(800) 361-6262 toll free in North America

Fax: +1 (514) 288-9658

http://www.hoteldelamontagne.com/

\$165 for single occ. \$175 for double occ.

Hôtel Courtyard Marriott Montréal**** (formerly La Citadelle) 15 minute-walk to the Secretariat

410, Sherbrooke St. W.

Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 844-8851 Fax: + 1 (514) 844-0912 http://www.courtyard.com/ \$139, single or double occ.

Annex II

VISA REGULATIONS

Citizens of the following countries require a visa to visit or transit Canada (in accordance with the list provided by the Government of Canada).

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Afghanistan	-	
Albania	E	T Z
Algeria	East Timor	K
Angola	Ecuador	Kazakhstan
Argentina	Egypt	Kenya
Armenia	El Salvador	Korea (Dem. Rep. of)
Azerbaijan	Equatorial Guinea	Kuwait
_	Eritrea	Kyrgyzstan
В	Estonia	_
Bahrain	Ethiopia	${f L}$
Bangladesh		Lao (People's Democratic
Belarus	${f F}$	Rep.)
Belize	Fiji	Latvia
Benin		Lebanon
Bhutan	G	Lesotho
Bolivia	Gabon	Liberia
Bosnia - Herzegovina	Gambia	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Brazil	Georgia	Lithuania
Bulgaria	Ghana	
Burkina-Faso	Grenada	\mathbf{M}
Burundi	Guatemala	Macau S.A.R.
	Guinea	Macedonia (former Yugoslav
\mathbf{C}	Guinea-Bissau	Republic of)
Cambodia	Guyana	Malagasy Republic
Cameroon	•	Malawi
Cape Verde	Н	Maldives
Central African Republic	Haiti	Mali
Chad	Honduras	Marshall Islands
Chile	Hungary	Mauritania
China (People's Republic)	Trungury	Mauritius
Colombia	I	Micronesia (Federated States)
Comoros	India	Moldova
Congo (The), Democratic	Indonesia	Mongolia
Rep. of)		Morocco
Congo (The), People's Rep.	Iran (Islamic Rep. of) Iraq	Mozambique
of)	Israel (only Israeli citizens	Myanmar (Burma)
Côte d'Ivoire	holding valid Israeli orange	
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Cuba	of National Passport")	Nauru
Czech Republic	oi National Passport)	Nepal
	т	Nicaragua
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Pacific Islands (U.S. Trust Territory)

Pakistan

Palau (Rep. of)

Palestinian National Authority

Panama Paraguay Peru Philippines Poland

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Qatar

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Romania

Russian Federation

Rwanda

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Sao Tome e Principe

Senegal

Seychelles, The

Sierra Leone

Slovakia

Somalia

South Africa Sri Lanka

Sudan

Surinam

Syrian Arab Republic

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Tadjikistan

Tanzania (United Rep. of)

Thailand

Togo

Tonga

Trinidad & Tobago

Tunisia

Turkey

Turkmenistan

Tuvalu

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Uganda Ukraine

United Arab Emirates

Uruguay Uzbekistan

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Vanuatu Venezuela Vietnam

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Yemen Yugoslavia

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Zambia Zimbabwe
