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### GLOBAL WORKSHOP ON THE INTEGRATED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY AND THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, 31 October – 4 November, 2016

#### Information Note for Participants

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## 1. Opening and Registration

The global workshop on the Integrated Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety and the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova from Monday, 31 October to Friday, 4 November 2016.

The workshop will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 31 October and registration will take place from 9:00 a.m. at the same venue.

## 2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

### **Codru Hotel**

### **Conference Hall**

Str. 31 August 1989, 127

MD-2012 Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Tel: +373 22 208104

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## 3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

## 4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of pre-session documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meetings. Pre-session documents will be available on the Secretariat's web site at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSMBWS-2016-02>.

## 5. General information on access to Chisinau, Moldova



The capital of Moldova, Chisinau is serviced by the [Chisinau International Airport](#) which is approximately 13 km from the city centre. Travel time is approximately 15-20 minutes.

## Taxi

The official taxi service for travel to and from the airport is:



	“AEROPORT TAXI”
<b>Office:</b>	Arrival Hall of the Chisinau Airport
<b>Phone:</b>	+(373) 78200333
<b>Working hours:</b>	twenty-four-hours
<b>Taxi fare Airport – Centru</b>	100 MDL (= 5 US\$)

## 6. Visa information



Participants from certain countries require a visa for the Republic of Moldova. Information on visa procedures for entry into the Republic of Moldova, including a list of nationalities that require a visa, can be found at the following link: <http://www.mfa.gov.md/entry-visas-moldova/>. A list of relevant Moldovan diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova at: <http://www.onu.mfa.md/embassies-en/>. Participants are strongly advised to contact the nearest Moldovan diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Please note that airlines will not allow boarding without a valid visa.

Alternatively, participants may request a visa online via the following website: <http://evisa.gov.md/>. An **eVisa** is an authorization to enter Moldova issued in PDF format. It grants the same right to enter Moldovan territory, the same as having an ordinary sticker-visa in the passport.

Participants will need to provide a letter of invitation with their visa application. The letters will be issued by the Bureau for Migration and Asylum of the Republic of Moldova. The Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Moldova will facilitate this process. The Secretariat will forward the copy of the passport and complete contact information of participants requiring a visa for this purpose. Participants may also contact Ms. Marcela Vatamaniuc directly at [vatamaniucm@gmail.com](mailto:vatamaniucm@gmail.com), tel: (+373 22) 802090/91 for further information or assistance.

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue, upon request, visa assistance letters which may be attached to the visa application.

## 7. Hotel information

Suggested accommodations in Chisinau, including the venue hotel, are listed in **Annex A. Reservations must be made by participants directly.**

A limited number of rooms at the venue hotel (Hotel Codru) have been blocked and are offered at a special rate. To avail yourself of the special rate, please indicate that you are participating in the CBD workshop when making your reservation.



## 8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

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

## 9. Official language in Moldova

The official language in the Republic of Moldova is Romanian (Moldavian). English is spoken in hotels and some restaurants.

## 10. Weather and time zone information



In November, the average temperature in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova ranges between a maximum of 7°C in the daytime and a minimum of 0°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweatheronline.com/chisinau-weather-averages/gagauzia/md.aspx>

The standard time zone will be GMT/ UTC +3 hours.

## 11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Moldova are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz, the plugs are as shown in the illustration below.



## 12. Currency



The currency in the Republic of Moldova is the Moldova Leu (MDL). The current exchange rate as at 30 August 2016 is US \$1 = MDL 19.70 and € 1 = MDL 21.96 (source: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com), rates are subject to change).

## 13. Disclaimer

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

## Annex A

**Rates of exchange**  
US \$1.00 = MDL 19.70 and  
€ 1.00 = MDL 21.96

### **List of hotels with indicative room rates in Euros** **The room rates are approximate and are subject to change**

<b>HOTELS</b>	<b>Approximate room rates</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Codru 4* - Workshop venue Chisinau, 31 August str, 127 Tel.: +373 22 208104 Fax: +373 22 237948 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservation@codru.md">reservation@codru.md</a> Website: <a href="http://www.codru.md/">http://www.codru.md/</a>	Standard single room - 55 Euros – the special rate has been offered for participants to the CBD workshop.	Breakfast is included. When making the reservation, please mention that you are attending the CBD workshop held in the Hotel.
Dacia Hotel 4* Chisinau, 135, 31 August street Telephone: (+37322) 23-22-51 Fax: (+37322) 23-46-47 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reception@daciahotel.md">reception@daciahotel.md</a> Website: <a href="http://www.daciahotel.md">www.daciahotel.md</a>	Standard single room – 70 Euros	5 minutes walking distance. Breakfast is included.
City Park Hotel 4* str. Eugen Doga, 2a, Chisinau Tel +373 22 249 249 Fax +373 22 272 766 E-mail: <a href="mailto:citypark@citypark.md">citypark@citypark.md</a> Website: <a href="http://citypark.md/?lang=en">http://citypark.md/?lang=en</a>	Double standard room – 70/80EUR/night	10 minutes walking. Breakfast is included.

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