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17–21 November 2008

Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The First meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change) will be held in London, United Kingdom from Monday, 17 to Friday, 21 November 2008.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 17 November 2008, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

4, Albert Embankment

London, SE1 7SR

United Kingdom

Tel: +44 (0)20 7735 7611

Fax +44 (0)20 7587 3210

E-mail: info@imo.org

Web site: www.imo.org

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English only.

4. Documents



Documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=AHTEG-BDCC-01>

5. General information on access to London



London is serviced by London Heathrow Airport (28km from central London). Taxis are available at the airport and will take half an hour to an hour depending on traffic and costs between £40 and £70. The Heathrow Express train makes the trip to Paddington train station in 15 minutes. More information on railway services is available at the following web site: <https://www.heathrowexpress.com/>.

6. Visa information

Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below require an entry visa for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are strongly advised to contact the nearest United Kingdom diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant United Kingdom diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the website of the U.K. Border Agency at: <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/>.

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

7. **Information for participants**

In order to enter meeting venue at the offices of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), delegates are required to bring a proof of identity such as a passport or and identity card in order to gain access to the IMO building.

Directions on access to the meeting venue (IMO building) can be found at the following link: <http://www.naturalsciences.be/information/visitor/access/plan>.

8. **Hotel information**



Below is an indicative list of hotels (**Annex B**) located in the vicinity of the meeting venue and IMO corporate rates have been made available for participants of the meeting. Further information on hotels in London is available at the following web-site: <http://www.visitbritain.com/>.

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible**.

9. **Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)**

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

10. **Official language in the United Kingdom**

The official language in the United Kingdom is English.

11. **Weather and time zone information**



In November, temperatures in London usually range between a maximum of 11°C and a minimum of 5°C. The time zone will be GMT 0 hours (same as Greenwich Mean Time). Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/010/c00032.htm>.

12. Electricity

230 Volts, 50 Hertz.



13. Currency



The currency in the United Kingdom is the British Pound (£). The current exchange rate is US \$1 = £0.59 and (Euro) € 1 = £0.79 and £1 = US \$1.70 and £1 = €1.27.

14. 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 THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE UK BORDER AGENCY)

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

A

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Angola
Armenia
Azerbaijan

B

Bahrain
Bangladesh
Belarus
Benin
Bhutan
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Burkina Faso
Burundi

C

Cambodia
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo, Democratic
Republic of the
Congo, Republic of the
Cuba
Cyprus

D

Djibouti
Dominican Republic

E

Ecuador
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea
E (cont'd)
Eritrea
Ethiopia

F

Fiji

G

Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana

H

Haiti

I

India
Indonesia
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq
Ivory Coast

J

Jamaica
Jordan

K

Kazakhstan
Kenya
Korea, Democratic People's
Republic of
Kosovo
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan

L

Lao, People's Democratic
Republic of
Lebanon
Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

M

Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Moldova
Mongolia
Montenegro
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar

N

Nepal
Niger
Nigeria

O

Oman

P

Pakistan
Palestinian Authority
Peru
Philippines

Q

Qatar

R

Russian Federation
Rwanda

S

Sao Tomé e Príncipe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia
Sierra Leone
Somalia
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Syrian Arab Republic

T

Tajikistan
Tanzania, United Republic
of
Thailand
The former Yugoslav
Republic of Macedonia
Togo
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu

U

Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uruguay
Uzbekistan

V

Vatican
Viet Nam

Y

Yemen

Z

Zambia
Zimbabwe

Rate of exchange: US \$1 = £0.59 and
€ 1 = £0.79

Annex B

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN BRITISH POUNDS

IMO CORPORATE RATES

HOTELS	ROOM TYPE	CORPORATE RATE
GRANGE HOTELS CENTRAL RESERVATION Tel: 020 7233 7888 Fax: 020 7630 9897 Email: reservations@grangehotels.com		
The Grange Langham Court 4 31-35 Langham Street London, W1W 6BU	Single/Double/Twin Superior Single/Double Executive	£90.00 £100.00 With Breakfast + VAT
The Grange Fitzoria Hotel 4 20-28 Bolsover Street London, W1W 5NB	Single/Double/Twin Standard Single/Double Executive	£110.00 £127.00 + VAT
The Grange Rochester Hotel 4 69 Vincent Square London, SW1P 2PA	Single/Double/Twin Standard Single/Double Superior Single/Double Executive	£95.00 £100.00 £110.00 With Breakfast + VAT
Grange Holborn 50-60 Southampton Row, WC1B	Single/Double/Twin Superior Single/Double/Twin Executive	£145.00 £165.00 With Breakfast + VAT
Grange Strathmore 41 Queen's Gate Gardens, SW7	Single Double/Twin Superior Single/Double/Twin Executive	£139.00 £90.00 £105.00 With Breakfast + VAT
Novotel London Waterloo 113 Lambeth Road London SE1 7LS Tel: 020 7793 1010 Fax: 020 7793 0202 Email: H1785-SL@accor.com	With Breakfast 1 to 2 persons 1 pax 1 to 2 persons 2 pax 1 QS bed + Sofa Sup 1 pax 1 QS bed _ Sofa Sup 2 pax Without Breakfast 1 to 2 persons 1 pax 1 to persons 2 pax 1 QS bed + Sofa Sup 1 pax 1 QS bed + Sofa Sup 2 pax <i>Breakfast buffet £13.50/£13.95</i>	£131.00 £161.00 £151.00 £181.00 £121.00 £141.00 £141.00 £161.00
Riverbank Park Plaza 18 Albert Embankment London, SE1 7TJ Tel: 020 7769 2470 Fax: 020 7769 2402 Email: dbertos@plazaontheriver.co.uk	Superior Single/Double Executive River View Open plan Suite 1 bed suite 1 bed suite river view 1 bed suite river view + balcony <i>Inclusive of English Breakfast</i>	£125.00 / £135.00 £160.00 / £170.00 £175.00 £250.00 £325.00 £425.00 + 17.5% VAT
Park Plaza Victoria London 239 Vauxhall bridge Road London, SW1V 1EQ Tel: 020 7769 9838 Fax: 020 7769 9841	Superior Single/Double Studio Single/Double <i>Inclusive of English Breakfast</i>	£140.00 / £150.00 £175.00 / £185.00 + 17.5 % VAT
Park Plaza County Hall 1 Addinton Street London, SE1 7RY Tel: 020 7769 2477 Fax: 020 7034 3823	Superior Single/Double Studio Single/Double <i>Inclusive of English Breakfast</i>	£135.00 / £145.00 £170.00 / £180.00 + 17.5% VAT

