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LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL  
PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE SEVENTH  
MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO  
THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY  
Buenos Aires, Argentina 22-23 January 2004.

**INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

**1. Opening and registration**

The Latin American and Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 22 to 23 January 2004.

The meeting will start at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday, 22 January 2004 and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8 a.m. to 9:45 am on the same day.

**2. Venue**

The meeting will be held in the "Libertador" room of Palacio San Martin, in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs located at:

Arenales 761  
1<sup>st</sup>. Floor  
1007 Buenos Aires  
Argentina  
Telephone: 54 11 4819 7414  
Fax: 54 11 4819 7413

**3. Working languages of the meeting**

The meeting will be held in Spanish and English.

**4. Documents**

Delegates are kindly reminded to bring their copies of the meeting documents, as they will only be available in Buenos Aires in very limited quantities.

## **5. Visas**

Attached, as an Annex I, is a list of countries whose citizens do not require visas to enter Argentina. In addition, Annex II lists countries whose citizens **require** an entry visa for Argentina.

For participants requiring a visa, an early contact with the consular authorities of the Government of Argentina is advised to allow sufficient time for a visa to be issued as appropriate prior to departure.

Information on visa procedures including a list of relevant Argentina diplomatic missions abroad is available on the website of the Argentinean Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto at:

<http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/index0.html>

For any difficulty or query on visa related issues, participants should contact directly Mr. Diego Malpede at:

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Dirección General de Asuntos Ambientales  
Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto  
Calle Esmeralda 1212, piso 14, Capital Federal  
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Tel. +5411 4819 7414 / Fax +5411 4819 7413  
E-mail: [ambiente@mrecic.gov.ar](mailto:ambiente@mrecic.gov.ar) and [dma@mrecic.gov.ar](mailto:dma@mrecic.gov.ar)

## **6. Services to Participants**

Participants will be able to access their e-mails, free of charge, in workstations situated on the premises of the meeting venue.

Lunch meals and coffee breaks will be provided within the meeting venue, and a reception dinner will be hosted on Thursday, 22 January 2004 by the Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto.

## **7. Access to Buenos Aires**

Buenos Aires is serviced by the Ezeiza International Airport, which is about 35 km from downtown Buenos Aires.

## **8. Ground Transport from and to Ezeiza International Airport:**

### **a) Buses**

The most economic way to travel between the airport and downtown Buenos Aires is by bus. The companies Manuel Tienda León (19 pesos/6,3 US dollars) (tel 4480-9464 airport/4314-3636 city), Ecuador (tel 4314-1999), and San Martín Bus (tel 4314-4747 city) offer a half-hourly service between its offices in Buenos Aires and Ezeiza airport from 05.00 to 21.00 hours. The trip takes 45 minutes, depending on traffic.

**b) Chauffeured Cars (Remises)**

Passengers may choose to hire chauffeured cars, or remises, for traveling to their destinations in Buenos Aires. These are essentially unmetered taxis, where a flat travel price is negotiated at the time of hire. Generally, a trip from Ezeiza to downtown Buenos Aires will be roughly the same as the ride in a taxi. Listed below are the locations and telephone numbers of the private car companies that serve Ezeiza. All booths are located on the lower level of the terminals indicated. **Vip Cars** Terminal A - 5480-4594 Terminal B - 5480-4590 **Manuel Tienda León** (51 pesos/17 US dollars) Terminal A - 4480-7304 Terminal B - 4480-9666 **Ecuador Remis** Connector Terminal A to B - 5480-0038 Terminal B - 5480-0039

**c) Taxi**

Black and yellow colored metered taxis are readily available in and around Ezeiza Airport, as well as throughout Buenos Aires. If you opt to avoid the throngs of drivers in the arrivals bay soliciting clients, go to the taxi booth in order to make arrangements for a taxi to take you to the center of the city. A typical ride to the downtown area will take about 45 minutes. No more than four passengers will be admitted per taxi.

**9. Hotel accommodation**

31 single rooms have been reserved in the **Apart Hotel "Suipacha Suites"** for delegates receiving financial support, with excellent facilities including swimming pool and air conditioning, etc. in the heart of downtown Buenos Aires. The regional preparatory meeting will be taking place in the premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, just one block from the hotel.

The address and website

**Suipacha Suites**

Suipacha 1235

Buenos Aires

Telephone: (54 11) 4819 3600 - 4394 7162/7153

Fax: (54 11) 4819 3634/3662

Email: [apart@suipacha1235.com.ar](mailto:apart@suipacha1235.com.ar)

[www.suipacha1235.com.ar](http://www.suipacha1235.com.ar)

For assistance or any queries about hotel accommodation, participants are requested to contact directly Mr. Diego Malpede of the Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores, Comercio Internacional y Culto at:

Tel. +5411 4819 7414

Fax +5411 4819 7413

E-mail: [ambiente@mrecic.gov.ar](mailto:ambiente@mrecic.gov.ar) and [dma@mrecic.gov.ar](mailto:dma@mrecic.gov.ar)

**10. Time zone**

Buenos Aires in winter will be 3 hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (-3 GMT). Daylight Saving Time is not observed

**11. Weather**

Buenos Aires is on the south side of the Rio de la Plata, in the southern hemisphere and the climate is generally mild and humid. Temperatures range between 95 degrees Fahrenheit (35 degrees Celsius) in January to 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees Celsius) in July. From December to the end of February, the

city can become extremely hot with an average humidity of 65 percent. For more information on weather available on the following site:

[http://www.worldexecutive.com/cityguides/buenos\\_aires/weather.shtml](http://www.worldexecutive.com/cityguides/buenos_aires/weather.shtml)

**12. Voltage**

220 volts, 50 Hertz.

**13. Telephone Codes**

Country code = 54  
Buenos Aires city code = 11

**14. Credit Cards**

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in Buenos Aires.

**15. Tourist Information about Buenos Aires**

[www.turismo.gov.ar](http://www.turismo.gov.ar)  
[www.welcomeargentina.com](http://www.welcomeargentina.com)  
[www.todotango.com.ar](http://www.todotango.com.ar)

**Annex I:**

**Visa Requirements**

The following countries do not require visas to enter Argentina  
*(in accordance with the list provided by the Government of Argentina).*

Uruguay  
Brazil  
Chile  
Bolivia  
Peru  
Venezuela  
Ecuador  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Guatemala  
Panama  
Dominican Republic  
Mexico  
Guatemala  
Honduras  
Haiti  
Jamaica  
Trinidad & Tobago  
Saint Lucia  
Grenada

## Annex II

### Visa Requirements

The following countries from the GRULAC region **require** visas to enter Argentina  
*(in accordance with the list provided by the Government of Argentina).*

**Antigua and Barbuda** (both ordinary and diplomatic passports)

**Bahamas** (both ordinary and diplomatic passports)

**Barbados** (only for diplomatic/official passports; not necessary for ordinary passports)

**Belize** (both ordinary and diplomatic passports)

**Cuba** (both ordinary and diplomatic passports)

**Guyana** (for ordinary passports; no need for diplomatic/official passports)

**St. Kitts and Nevis** (both ordinary and diplomatic passports)

**St. Vincent and Grenadines** (both ordinary and diplomatic passports)

**Surinam** (for both ordinary and diplomatic passports)

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