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EXPERT MEETING ON METHODS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE RAPID ASSESSMENT
OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF INLAND WATER ECOSYSTEMS
Montreal, Canada, 2 – 4 December 2002

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Expert Meeting on Methods and Guidelines for the Rapid Assessment of Biological Diversity of Inland Water Ecosystems will be held from Monday, 2 December to Wednesday, 4 December 2002. The official opening will be at 9.30 a.m. on 2 December 2002. Registration will take place at 9.00 on Monday, 2 December.

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, Province of Quebec, Canada.
Access through metro, line 2 - Orange, station **Square-Victoria**, follow the exit sign
“Centre de Commerce Mondial”

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

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/subway station. **Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at the following website address: <http://www.tourism-montreal.org>**

Time Zone

Montreal is GMT less 5 hours.

Weather

During the month of December in Montreal, maximum temperatures average - 3°C and minimum temperatures average -10°C. Temperatures may drop to -10/-20°C and snow falls are possible and may be heavy.

Voltage

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

Visas / Customs

Please find attached (Annex II) a list of countries whose citizens require an entry visa to Canada.

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. \$ 1.60 Canadian

\$1 Canadian = appr. \$ 0.63 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 reception desk during the meeting.

You must make your own reservations.

Lord Berri Hotel * (formerly Days Inn Vieux Montreal)** 15 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 *** 15 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

360 St-Antoine street West

Indoor access to the Secretariat by corridors

Montreal, Quebec

Canada H2Y 3X4

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

Fax: 1 (514) 847-8730

E-mail: montreal@interconti.com 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.qc.ca/>

\$75, single

Hôtel de la Montagne ****20 minute-walk to the Secretariat and
2 minutes from Metro station

1430, de la Montagne Street

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).

A	D	J
Afghanistan	Djibouti	Jamaica
Albania	Dominica	Jordan
Algeria	Dominican Republic	
Angola	E	K
Argentina	East Timor	Kazakhstan
Armenia	Ecuador	Kenya
Azerbaijan	Egypt	Kiribati
	El Salvador	Korea (Dem. Rep. of)
B	Equatorial Guinea	Kuwait
Bahrain	Eritrea	Kyrgyzstan
Bangladesh	Estonia	
Belarus	Ethiopia	L
Belize		Lao (People's Democratic Rep.)
Benin	F	Latvia
Bhutan	Fiji	Lebanon
Bolivia		Lesotho
Bosnia-Herzegovina	G	Liberia
Brazil	Gabon	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Bulgaria	Gambia	Lithuania
Burkina-Faso	Georgia	
Burundi	Ghana	M
	Grenada	Macau S.A.R.
C	Guatemala	Macedonia (former Yugoslav Republic of)
Cambodia	Guinea	Malagasy Republic
Cameroon	Guinea-Bissau	Malawi
Cape Verde	Guyana	Malaysia
Central African Republic		Maldives
Chad	H	Mali
Chile	Haiti	Marshall Islands
China (People's Republic)	Honduras	Mauritania
Colombia	Hungary	Mauritius
Comoros		Micronesia (Federated States)
Congo (The), Democratic Rep. of)	I	Moldova
Congo (The), People's Rep. of)	India	Mongolia
Côte d'Ivoire	Indonesia	Morocco
Croatia	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	Mozambique
Cuba	Iraq	Myanmar (Burma)
Czech Republic	Israel (only Israeli citizens holding valid Israeli orange "Travel Document in Lieu of National Passport")	

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Nauru
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria

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Oman

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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
Saudi Arabia
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
