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Eleventh meeting 28 November – 2 December 2005, Montreal

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1 Venue

The eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-11) will be held in Montreal from 28 November to 2 December 2005. at:

The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

999 University (corner Saint Antoine) Montreal, Metro access, Line 2 - Orange, Station Square-Victoria

2 Registration and identification name badges

Registration for this meeting will commence on **Sunday**, **27 November 2005**, from **12 noon** to **6 p.m.** and will continue on **Monday**, **28 November 2005**, **at 8 a.m.**, in the lower atrium of the ICAO building

Participants are encouraged to pre-register using the pre-registration form attached hereto as **Annex A**. On receipt of duly completed pre-registration form, name badges will be prepared and handed over at the registration desk **only** upon the presentation of a valid passport or an identification card with a photograph.

For security reasons, the display of name badges is mandatory for admission to the ICAO Conference Centre as well as to its meeting rooms. In addition, participants are requested to bring their valid passports and identification cards on hand for entry into the ICAO building.

Information pertaining to room allocations for the plenary and the working groups as well as regional-group meeting rooms will be made available at the meeting venue.

This revision 3 is issued update hotels' coordinates.

3 Official opening

The official opening for SBSTTA-11 will take place at **10 a.m.** on **Monday**, **28 November 2005**, at the main plenary hall. The formal sessions of the meeting will be held daily from **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** and from **3 to 6 p.m**.

4 Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their copies of the pre-session documents as well as the information documents. For reasons of economy, **only** Parties and Governments shall be provided with **one set** of documents **per delegation.**

CD-ROMs containing the pre-session documents in the six United Nations official languages, as well as the information documents of each meeting, shall also be made available to participants and participating organizations that wish to reproduce additional copies of documents on site. These CD-ROMs will be available at the Documentation Counter and copies may be made on a **commercial basis** at the Business Centre located on Level 1 of the ICAO Conference Centre.

5 Services to participants

Within the ICAO Conference Centre there will be a Business Centre providing the following services **on a commercial basis:** photocopying, facsimile, stamps and telephone prepaid cards, etc.

Participants may also access their e-mails, **free of charge**, at the Cyber Café situated within the ICAO Conference Centre.

6 General information on access to Montreal

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

Fares in Canadian dollars:

Bus / Shuttles:	One way trip	Round trip
Airport/Downtown	\$12	\$22.75
Taxis:		
Airport/Downtown	\$ 35 Fixed rate	N.A.

7 Visa/customs

Participants from countries listed in **Annex B** attached hereto require an entry visa for Canada and are strongly advised to approach the nearest Canadian diplomatic or consular mission in order to secure the required entry visa prior to departure.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Canadian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the website of the Canadian Citizenship and Immigration at: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/offices/index.html.

8 Hotel information

Attached is an indicative list of hotels (**Annex C**) located in the vicinity of the meeting venue building and the CBD Secretariat or next to a Metro (subway) station. Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at:

 $\underline{http://www.travelnow.com/hotels/hotnetlist.jsp?cid=54847\&city=Montreal\&stateProvinc} e=PO\&country=CA$

Participants are kindly reminded that they have to make their own hotel reservations as early as possible. It should be noted that the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) will also be held in Montreal from 28 November to 9 December 2005. A large number of participants are expected to attend this meeting. It is therefore strongly recommended that participants in SBSTTA-11 meetings finalize their hotel and travel accommodation arrangements as soon as possible.

To benefit from the special room rates some hotels may be offering, please indicate that you will be attending a CBD meeting when you make your reservation.

9 Official languages in Canada

There are two official languages in Canada: English and French. French is the official language of Quebec. However, English is widely spoken in Montreal.

10 Side-events, Promotional material and Catering

10.1 Side events

Space will be made available at the ICAO Conference Centre for side events and publication displays. Requests for side-events should be made preferably on-line at: http://www.biodiv.org/register/ or by completing the attached Annex D. The deadline for the receipt of requests is 31 October 2005. Requests received after the deadline of 31 October 2005, will not be considered.

Rooms for side-events equipped with LCD projectors for PowerPoint presentations, and/or overhead projectors for transparency presentations, are available on request **at no cost** to the organizer(s).

Written requests for side events should be addressed to:

Mr. Aballache Yesli Conference Officer Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity World Trade Center 413 St Jacques Street, Suite 800 Montreal, Quebec, Canada H2Y IN9 Telephone (Direct line): +1-514-287-7043

Fax: +1-514-288-6588

E- mail: aballache.yesli@biodiv.org

Side-events requests will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. An updated calendar of side-events will be accessible at the Secretariat's web site at: http://www.biodiv.org/register/side-events/list.aspx?mtg=sbstta-11

It should be noted that, given the limited space available, there shall be **no more** than **five** side-events per day over the lunch hour (1.15 to 2.45 p.m.) and **two** in the evening (6.30 to 8 p.m.). Side-events may have to be rescheduled to accommodate requests from the plenary and/or the Working Groups

Organizers of side-events requiring additional technical equipment should address their detailed requests for availability and costs directly to Mr. Mike Baiao, with a copy to Mr. Aballache Yesli for information purposes. Mr. Baiao's coordinates are as follows:

Mr. Mike Baiao, Conference Assistant

Telephone: +1-514-954-8219 Facsimile: +1-514-599-3834 Address: 999 University Street Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3C 5H7

E-mail: Mbaiao@icao.int

10.2 Shipping of promotional material

Participants wishing to enquire about customs regulations and space availability regarding shipping of promotional material to the meeting venue (ICAO) should address their requests directly to Mr. Mike Baiao with a copy to Mr. Aballache Yesli, for information purposes.

All shipments must be:

- Arranged on a door-to-door basis, and arrive no earlier than 5-7 days prior to the opening of the meeting(s);
- Marked to the attention of Mr. Mike Baiao;
- Identified with the title of the meeting (e.g. SBSTTA-11);
- Previously communicated to Mr. Mike Baiao, indicating the expected date of arrival in Montreal, the airway bill number and the number of boxes sent.

N.B. Boxes must be numbered in "1 of XX format". When possible, a copy of the publication should be affixed to each box.

10.3 Catering

All requests for catering services must be addressed directly to Mr. Mathew Chang with a copy to Mr. Aballache Yesli, for information purposes. Mr. Chang's coordinates are as follows:

Mr. Matthew Chang

Address: 999 University Street Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3C 5H7 Telephone: +1-514-954-8219 ext.7085

Facsimile: +1-514-954-6134

E-mail: 43068@compass-canada.com

11 Weather and time zone information

In November/December, daytime temperatures in Montreal range between a maximum of -3 and a minimum of -10 $^{\circ}$ C. The standard time zone will be GMT - 5 hours.

12 Electricity

110 volts, 60 Hertz. [Two-pin, flat and vertical and round earth connection].

13 Currency

The currency in Canada is the Canadian dollar (Can\$). The current exchange rate is \$1 US = \$1.18 Canadian.

14 Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, 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

ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY ON SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE, MONTREAL, 28 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER 2005

Pre-Registration Form (Please print)

Due to the large number of forms involved, the Secretariat will not be able to acknowledge receipt of

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Annex B

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER CANADA AS VISITORS

(In accordance with the website of Citizenship and Immigration Canada)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a Visa to **VISIT** or **TRANSIT** in Canada:

Canada.	
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Afghanistan	East Timor
Albania	Ecuador
Algeria	Egypt
Angola	El Salvador
Argentina	Equatorial Guinea
Armenia	Eritrea
Azerbaijan	Estonia
В	Ethiopia
Bahrain	F
Bangladesh	Fiji
Belarus	·
Belize	G
Benin	Gabon
Bhutan	Gambia
Bolivia	Georgia
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Ghana Granada
Brazil	Grenada Guatamala
Bulgaria	Guatemala Guinas
Burkina Faso	Guinea Guinea-Bissau
Burundi	Guinea-Bissau Guyana
C	
Cambodia	H
Cameroon	Haiti
Cape Verde	Honduras
Central African Rep.	Hungary
Chad	I
Chile	India
China	Indonesia
Colombia	Iran
Comoros	Iraq
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Israel (only Israeli citizens holding valid
Congo, Republic of the	Israeli "Travel Document in lieu of National
Costa Rica	Passport")
Côte d'Ivoire	
Croatia	J
Cuba	Jamaica
Czech Republic	Jordan
D	K
Djibouti	Kazakhstan
Dominica	Kenya
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Dominican Rep.

Kiribati

Korea, North Kuwait Kyrgyzstan

L R Laos Romania Latvia Russian Federation Lebanon Rwanda Lesotho Liberia Sao Tomé e Principe Libva Saudi Arabia Lithuania Senegal Serbia and Montenegro \mathbf{M} Seychelles Macao S.A.R. Sierra Leone Macedonia Slovakia Madagascar Somalia Malawi South Africa Malaysia Sri Lanka Maldives Islands Sudan Mali Surinam Marshall Islands Syria Mauritania Mauritius Micronesia, Fed. States Tajikistan Moldova Tanzania Thailand Mongolia Morocco Togo Mozambique Tonga Myanmar (Burma) Trinidad and Tobago Tunisia N Turkey Nauru Turkmenistan Nepal Tuvalu Nicaragua Niger U Nigeria Uganda Ukraine 0 **United Arab Emirates** Oman Uruguay P Uzbekistan Pakistan Palau Vanuatu Palestinian Authority Venezuela Panama Vietnam Paraguay Peru Y Philippines Yemen Poland Z

Q Qatar Zambia

Zimbabwe

A. FOUR-STAR HOTELS	Number of rooms	Indicative room rates [†]	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
1. Best Western 3407 Peel Street (corner of Peel and Sherbrooke Street) Montreal Tel: +1-514-288-4141 or toll-free: +1-800-528-1234 Fax: +1-514-288-3021 www.hotelvillemarie.com	171	• Single: \$150	20 minutes' walk	Room rates are inclusive of breakfast
2. Delta Centre Ville 5-minutewalk to SCBD office 777 University Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-879-1370 Fax: +1-514-879-1761 www.deltahotels.com/bg3 First class hotel	712	Single or double occupancy: • Standard Delta guestroom: \$144 • Club Signature guestroom: \$169.	Across the street	
3. Hotel Inter-Continental Montreal Same building as SCBD office 360 St. Antoine Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514847-8525 America toll free: +1-800 327-0200/361 3600 Fax: +1-514 847-8730 E-mail: montreal@interconti.com www.montreal.interconti.com	N/A	• Rooms: \$159	5 minutes' walk	

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[†] Room rates are subject to change without notice.

A. FOUR-STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms		Indicative room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
4. Holiday Inn Select 99 Viger Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-878-9888 Fax: +1-514-878-6341 www.hiselect-yul.com/	N/A	•	Standard: \$170	10 minutes' walk	Chinatown, oriental food available
5. Hôtel de la Montagne 1430 de la Montagne Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514288-5656 Toll free in North America: +1(800) 361-6262 Fax: +1-514-288-9658 www.hoteldelamontagne.com/	N/A	•	Deluxe room: \$155 Suite: \$215	20 minutes' walk	Government taxes not included
6. Hotel Courtyard Marriott Montreal (formerly La Citadelle) 410, Sherbrooke Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-844-8851	181	•	Single or double occupancy: \$159	15 minutes' walk	
Fax: +1-514-844-0912 www.courtyardmontreal.com/					

A. FOUR-STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Indicative room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
8. Fairmont the Queen Elizabeth 900 Rene Levesque Blvd. West Montreal Tel: +1-514-861-3511 (ask for reservations) Global reservation Centre: 1 800 441 1414 Fax: +1-514-954-2258 E-mail: queenelizabethhotel@fairmont.com Web site: www.fairmont.com	1039	 Moderate & Fairmont room: \$149 Junior suite: \$209 Fairmont gold: \$259 Bedroom suite: \$309 	5-8 minutes' walk	Rates are based on single/double occupancy per night
B. THREE-STAR HOTELS	Number of rooms	Indicative room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
7. Square Phillips (Hotel & Suites) 1193 Place Phillips Montreal Tel.: +1-514-393 1193 Fax: +1-514393 1192 www.squarephillips.com	160	 Studios: \$119 Junior suite 1 DB: \$129 Junior suite (KSB): \$143 1 BR suite: \$150 2 BR suite: \$196 	10 minutes' walk	
B. THREE-STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Indicative room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
8. Fairmont the Queen Elizabeth 900 Rene Levesque Blvd. West Montreal Tel: +1-514-954-2273 Fax: +1-514-954-2258 E-mail: john.richardson@fairmont.com	1039	Fairmont room: \$209Junior suite: \$289Fairmont gold: \$309	5-8 minutes' walk	Rates are based on single/double occupancy per night
9. La Tour Centre-Ville 400 René-Lévesque Blvd. West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-866-8861 Fax: +1-514-866-7257	N/A	Studio: • Single or double: \$80 Small suite: • Single or double \$90 Big suite: • Single or double \$100	15 minutes' walk	\$10 per additional person

B. THREE-STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Indicative room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
10. Holiday Inn & Express Suites EX Hotel suites le Faubourg 155 René-Lévesque Blvd. East Montreal Tel.: +1-514-448 7100 Toll free: +1-800-398-7100 Fax: +1-514-448-7101 E-mail: info@hotelfaubourg.com www.hiemontreal.com	161	Single or double occupancy: \$109 N.B. \$15 additional person	About 10 minutes' walk	Please mention SCBD rate code: SCB-001
11. Hôtel Manoir des Alpes 1245 St. André Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-845-9803 Fax: +1-514845-9886 www.hotelmanoirdesalpes.qc.ca/	30	• Rooms: \$65	20 minutes' walk	With breakfast
B. THREE-STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Indicative room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
12. Travelodge 50, René-Lévesque Blvd. West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-874-9090 Fax: +1-514-874-0907 E-mail:reserve@travellodgemontreal.ca www.travelodge.com/	N/A	Single or double occupancy \$89 N.B. Continental buffet included	20 minutes' walk	Including breakfast for
13. L'Appartement-in-Montréal 455 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-284-3634 Fax: +1-514-287-1431 www.appartementin.com	126	 Studio: \$101 1 BR suite: \$121 2 BR suite: \$164 		





Annex D

CBD



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Deadline: 31 October 2005

Side-Events Request Form

Eleventh meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-11), Montreal, 28 November – 2 December 2005

Side event requests are processed on a first-come, first-served basis

Please ensure that the information below (1 to 6) is provided For on-line requests, please click here: http://www.biodiv.org/register/

1.	Event Title	:				
2.	Full name + acronym of organizer(s):					
3.	Expected n	umber of Participants:				
4.	Preferred d	late and time:				
	a)	First Choice: /11/2005	time: 13.15- 14.45 ()	OR 6.30 – 8 p.m. ()		
	b)	Second choice: /11/2005	time: 13.15- 14.45 ()	OR 6.30 – 8 p.m. ()		
	c)	Third choice: /11/2005	time: 13.15- 14.45 ()	OR 6.30 – 8 p.m. ()		
5.	Requireme	nts * (Please check the boxes as	appropriate)			
	a) b) c)	LCD Projector (for PowerPo PC Overhead Projector (for transpa		()		
	d)	Other * [‡] (please specify):	archeresy	()		
•	Data of sub					
5. 7	Date of submission: / /05					
7.	Message (optional):					

^{*} For additional technical equipment and catering requirements, please refer to pages 4 and 5 heading 10.

[&]quot;Side Events, Promotional materials and catering" of the "Information Note for Participants".