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ADDITIONAL NOTE ON LOGISTICS

The Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
7-19 April 2002

AND

The Third Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP-3)
22-26 April 2002

The Hague, The Netherlands

This additional Note on Logistics is provided by the Government of the Netherlands for the attention of delegates and organizations participating in the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP-6) and the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (ICCP-3). This Note serves to advise participants on their travel to The Hague as well as on other relevant subjects.

Hotels

I would like to remind you of hotel reservations. April 2002 will be a very busy period for the hotels in The Hague as it marks the start of the tourist season. This means hotel accommodation in The Hague during COP-6/ICCP3 is limited. Delegates should book their accommodation as soon as possible. To get around the scarcity of hotel rooms, the Government of the Netherlands has reserved accommodation through Jager Events (www.jagerevents.com/COP6). This service will be free-of-charge to delegates.

Pre-registration

Delegates are advised to pre-register at the CBD Secretariat as soon as possible.

Visa

The Government of the Netherlands does not issue entry visas upon arrival at any port of entry to the country. Therefore delegations requiring a visa should secure their visas prior to departure from their home



country. It will not be possible for delegates without a visa to enter the Netherlands. The visa shall be issued free-of-charge. Delegates who were charged a fee for the visa issuance will get reimbursed at the venue of the meeting upon submission of a copy of the receipt.

Registration and Opening Ceremony

Registration starts on Saturday, 6 April 2002 at 09:00 a.m. The Conference site, the Netherlands Congress Centre, will be open for delegations on Sunday, 7 April 2002 at 10:00 a.m. for regional consultations. The sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP-6) shall be officially opened on Sunday, 7 April 2002 at 3:00 p.m. Following the opening ceremony the government of The Netherlands will host a reception and a buffet for all participants at the Netherlands Congress Centre.

Arrival by Air in The Netherlands (Schiphol Airport)

Upon arrival in The Netherlands participants are required to present their passport with, a valid visa for the Netherlands, as appropriate. The Immigration Office ("Marechaussee") is informed of the organization of the COP-6 and ICCP-3 meetings in The Hague. However, in case you encounter problems at immigration, please ask the immigration officer to refer to the list of participants for COP-6 and ICCP-3 which is in their possession.

The Government of the Netherlands will set up a clearly marked information desk at Schiphol International Airport to assist COP-6 and ICCP-3 delegates on Friday, 5 April, Saturday, 6 April and Sunday, 7 April 2002. On Saturday and Sunday, 13 and 14 April 2002, the information desk will be operational for participants in the Youth Meeting.

On Saturday and Sunday, 20 and 21 April 2002, the information desk will be opened to assist with the departure of COP-6 delegates and the arrival of ICCP-3 delegates.

The information desk with the name of the Conference is located in arrival hall 3 of Schiphol Airport. At the information desk delegates can obtain information about a free-of-charge shuttle service from the Airport to hotels in The Hague. Delegates can also get information on travel to The Hague by train. Please note that the information desk will only be available on the indicated dates.

Transportation from/to Schiphol Airport to The Hague

COP-6

On Friday, 5 April, Saturday, 6 April and Sunday, 7 April 2002, the government of the Netherlands will provide a shuttle service from Schiphol airport to the hotels for the COP-6 delegates. Please note that the shuttle service is available only on the above-mentioned dates. The buses will leave from arrival hall 3 according to the following time schedule: 08:00, 09:30, 11:00, 12:30, 14:00, 15:30, 17:00, 18:30, 20:00 hrs. Outside of these dates, delegates can reach The Hague by either train or taxi at their own expense.

On Saturday, 20 April and Sunday, 21 April 2002, the shuttle service will serve both the departing COP-6 delegates and the arriving ICCP-3 delegates. At 08:00, 11:00, 14:00 and 17:00 hrs buses will leave from The Hague to Schiphol Airport. The exact timetable for shuttle service for these dates will be distributed at the meeting venue. Outside of these dates, delegates can reach Schiphol Airport by either train or taxi at their own expense.

ICCP-3

On Saturday, 20 April and Sunday, 21 April 2002, the government of the Netherlands will provide a shuttle service from the Schiphol airport to the hotels for the ICCP-3 delegates. Please note that the shuttle service is available only on the above-mentioned dates and will be shared with the departing COP-6 delegates. The buses will leave from arrival hall 3 according to the following time schedule: 09:00, 12:00, 15:00 and 18:00 hrs. Outside of these dates, delegates can reach The Hague by either train or taxi at their own expense

On Saturday, 27 April the government of the Netherlands provides shuttle buses from the hotels to the airport according to the following schedule: 08:00, 11:00, 14:00 and 17:00 hrs. The exact timetable for shuttle service for these dates will be distributed at the meeting venue. Outside of these dates, delegates can reach Schiphol Airport by either train or taxi at their own expense

Excursions

All participants will be offered an excursion on Saturday, 13 April 2002. Please bring raincoats and good walking shoes for the occasion. Heads of Delegation may wish to bring binoculars as well, as they are invited to special field excursions.