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MEETING OF THE BIOSAFETY CLEARING-HOUSE INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Third meeting

Montreal, 4–5 October 2007

Information Note for Participants

1. Opening and registration

The third meeting of the Biosafety Clearing-House Informal Advisory Committee (BCH-IAC) will be held in Montreal from Thursday, 4 to Friday, 5 October 2007.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 4 October 2007, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 9 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

413 St. Jacques Street West

Suite 800

Montreal, Quebec

Canada

Metro, line 2 – Orange - station Square-Victoria

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English only.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=BCH-IAC-03>

5. 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
Montreal-Trudeau /Downtown	\$14	\$25
Taxis:		
Montreal-Trudeau /Downtown	\$35 Fixed rate	N.A.

6. Visa/customs

Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below require an entry visa for Canada and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Canadian 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 Canadian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the website of the Canadian Citizenship and Immigration at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/index.asp>.

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

7. Hotel information

Below is an indicative list of hotels (**annex B**) located in the vicinity of the CBD Secretariat or next to a Metro (subway) station. Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at:

<http://www.travelnow.com/hotels/hotnetlist.jsp?cid=54847&city=Montreal&stateProvince=PQ&country=CA>

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible**. To benefit from the special room rates some hotels are offering, please indicate that you will be attending a CBD meeting.

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

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

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. Weather and time zone information

In October, temperatures in Montreal usually range between a maximum of 12°C in the daytime and a minimum of 2°C at night. The standard time zone will be GMT – 4 hours. <http://www.worldweather.org/056/c00634.htm>

11. Electricity

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

12. Currency

The currency in Canada is the Canadian Dollar (Can\$). The current exchange rate is US \$1 = CAD \$1.05 and Euro \$1 = CAD \$1.44.

13. 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 CANADA AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA)

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

A	E (cont'd)	L (Cont'd)	S (Cont'd)
Afghanistan	Eritrea	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Saudi Arabia
Albania	Estonia	Lithuania	Senegal
Algeria	Ethiopia		Serbia
Angola		M	Seychelles
Argentina	F	Macao S.A.R.	Sierra Leone
Armenia	Fiji	Madagascar	Slovak Rep.
Azerbaijan		Malawi	Somalia
	G	Malaysia	South Africa
B	Gabon	Maldives	Sri Lanka
Bahrain	Gambia	Mali	Sudan
Bangladesh	Georgia	Marshall Islands	Suriname
Belarus	Ghana	Mauritania	Syrian Arab Republic
Belize	Grenada	Mauritius	
Benin	Guatemala	Micronesia, Fed. States of	T
Bhutan	Guinea	Moldova	Tajikistan
Bolivia	Guinea-Bissau	Mongolia	Tanzania, United Republic of
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Guyana	Montenegro	Thailand
Brazil		Morocco	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Bulgaria	H	Mozambique	Togo
Burkina Faso	Haiti	Myanmar	Tonga
Burundi	Honduras		Trinidad and Tobago
	Hungary	N	Tunisia
C		Nauru	Turkey
Cambodia	I	Nepal	Turkmenistan
Cameroon	India	Nicaragua	Tuvalu
Cape Verde	Indonesia	Niger	
Central African Republic	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Nigeria	
Chad	Iraq		O
Chile	Israel		Oman
China	Ivory Coast		
Colombia		P	
Comoros	J	Pakistan	
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Jamaica	Palau	
Congo, Republic of the	Jordan	Palestinian Authority	
Costa Rica		Panama	
Croatia	K	Paraguay	
Cuba	Kazakhstan	Peru	V
Czech Republic	Kenya	Philippines	Vanuatu
	Kiribati	Poland	Venezuela
D	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of		Viet Nam
Djibouti	Kuwait	Q	
Dominica	Kyrgyzstan	Qatar	Y
Dominican Republic			Yemen
	L	R	
E	Lao, People's Democratic Republic of	Romania	Z
East Timor	Latvia	Russian Federation	Zambia
Ecuador	Lebanon	Rwanda	Zimbabwe
Egypt	Lesotho		
El Salvador	Liberia	S	
Equatorial Guinea		Sao Tomé e Príncipe	

Rate of exchange: US \$1 = CAD \$1.05 and
Euro \$1 = CAD \$1.44

Annex B

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN CANADIAN DOLLARS
PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TAXES: GST 6% + QST 7.5% = 13.95%

RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

A. FIVE STAR HOTELS	Number of rooms	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
1. Hotel Inter-Continental Montreal 360 St. Antoine Street West, Montreal Tel.: +1-514-847-8525 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	- Superior and Deluxe rooms: \$162 - Business and Club rooms: \$225	Same building as the SCBD office	
B. FOUR-STAR HOTELS				
2. Delta Centre Ville 777 University Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-879-1370 Fax: +1-514-879-1761 www.deltahotels.com/bg3	712	Single: \$149	About 5 minutes' walk	
3. 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: \$129 - Deluxe: \$144 - Junior Suite: \$169	About 20 minutes' walk	Room rates are inclusive of breakfast
4. Holiday Inn Select 99 Viger Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-878-9888 Fax: +1-514-878-6341 www.ichotelsgroup.com	N/A	Single or double: \$119	About 10 minutes' walk	

B. FOUR STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
5. Hôtel de la Montagne 1430 de la Montagne Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-288-5656 Toll free in North America: + 1-800-361-6262 Fax : +1-514-288-9658 www.hoteldelamontagne.com	N/A	- Deluxe KSB: \$155 - Deluxe 2QSB: \$175 - Suite: \$225	About 20 minutes' walk	
6. Hotel Courtyard Marriott Montreal 410 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-844-8851 Fax: +1-514-844-0912 www.courtyardmontreal.com	181	Single or double occupancy: \$159	About 20 minutes' walk	
7. 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	- Fairmont: \$185 - Fairmont junior suite: \$265 - Fairmont gold: \$285	About 10 minutes' walk	The double room includes breakfast
8. Square Phillips (Hotel & Suites) 1193 Place Phillips Montreal H3B 3C9 Tel. + 1-514-393-1193 Fax: + 1-514-393-1192 www.squarephillips.com	160	- Studios: \$125 - Junior suite 1 DB: \$135 - Junior suite 1 KSB: \$151 1 BR suite: \$158 2 BR suite: \$206	About 10 minutes walk	
C. THREE-STAR HOTELS				
9. La Tour Centre-Ville 400 René-Lévesque Blvd. W. Montreal Tel.: + 1-514-866-8861 Fax: + 1-514-866-7257 www.hotelcentreville.com	N/A	Studio: - Single: \$88 Small suite: - Single: \$99 Large suite: - Single: \$107	About 15 minutes walk	

C. THREE-STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Approximate 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: \$134	About 20 minutes' walk	
11. Hôtel Manoir des Alpes 1245 St. André Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-845-9803 Fax : +1-514-845-9886 www.hotelmanoirdesalpes.qc.ca	30	Rooms: \$70	About 15 minutes' walk	Including breakfast
12. Travelodge 50, René-Lévesque Blvd. West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-874-9090 Fax: +1-514-874-0907 E-mail: reserve@travellodgemontréal.ca www.travelodge.com	N/A	- Single DB: \$89 - Single QB: \$99	About 20 minutes' walk	Including continental breakfast
13. L'Appartement-in-Montréal 455 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-284-3634 Fax: +1-514-287-1431 www.appartementhotel.com	126	- Studio: \$108 1 BR suite: \$128 2 BR suite: \$173	About 20 minutes' walk	
14. Hotel Le Dauphin 1025, De Bleury Montreal Tel: +1-514-788-3888 Fax: + 1-514-788-3889 E-mail: mtl_centre@hoteldauphin.ca www.hoteldauphin.ca	72	Single or double occupancy: \$129	About 10 minutes' walk	Including continental breakfast

