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MEETING OF TECHNICAL EXPERTS ON THE
BIOSAFETY CLEARING-HOUSE
Montreal, 11-13 September 2000

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Meeting of Technical Experts on the Biosafety Clearing-House will be held on the premises of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD) from 11 to 13 September 2000. The meeting will open at 9 a.m. on Monday, 11 September 2000 and close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, 13 September 2000. The meeting will be conducted in English.

Venue:

The meeting will be held on the premises of the Secretariat located in downtown Montreal at the following address:

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
World Trade Centre (WTC)
393 St. Jacques, Suite 300
Montreal, H2Y 1N9
Quebec, Canada.

Telephone: + 1 (514) 288-2220
Facsimile: + 1 (514) 288-6588
Email: secretariat@biodiv.org

Access through Metro, line 2 (Orange), station Square-Victoria.

Access to Montreal:

Montreal is serviced by the Dorval airport (15 km from downtown). Downtown Montreal is reached from the airport by taxi or a bus service every 30 minutes.

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Fares (in Canadian dollars):

	One way trip	Round trip
Bus / Shuttles:	\$ 9.00	\$16.50
Dorval / Downtown		
Taxis:		
Dorval / Downtown	\$28.00 (fixed rate)	N.A.
Metro:	\$2.00	\$4.00

Accommodation in Montreal :

A list of hotels located in the vicinity of the World Trade Centre building **or** next to a Metro station is contained in annex I below. **Please note that participants must make their own hotel reservations.**

Taxes:

Departure tax from Canadian airports is \$10.00.

Listed prices do not include taxes (GST 7% + QST 7.5 % = 15.03%). Tax refunds are possible for non-Canadians.

Time zone:

Montreal is GMT less 4 hours.

Weather:

The months of September and October are mild in Montreal with maximum temperature averaging 20°C (68°F) and minimum 10°C (50°F). There is a possibility of rain.

Voltage:

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

Visas / Customs:

A list of countries whose citizens require a visa to visit Canada is attached as annex II.

Language:

English and/or French

Currency:

Canadian dollar

Annex I

HOTELS

Prices are given in Canadian currency, are indicative and subject to change.

Exchange rates are approximately:

US\$ 1 = approx. \$1.45 Canadian

\$1 Canadian = approx. \$0.69 US

NOTE: PARTICIPANTS MUST MAKE THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Lord Berry Hotel (formerly Days Inn Vieux Montréal)

20 minutes walk to WTC

1199 Berri Street
Montréal

Tel : + 1 (514) 845-9236

Fax : + 1 (514) 849-9855

\$109 single, \$119 double

La Tour Centre-Ville

15 minutes walk to WTC

400 René-Lévesque Blvd. W.
Montréal

Tel : + 1 (514) 866-8861

Fax : + 1 (514) 866-7257

Studios only, \$87.00 single.

Travelodge

20 minutes walk to WTC

50, René-Lévesque Blvd. W.
Montréal

Tel : + 1 (514) 874-9090

Fax : + 1 (514) 874-0907

Rooms at \$89.00+ tax , single or double occ.
(breakfast included)

L'Appartement

15 minutes walk to WTC

455, Sherbrooke W.
Montréal

Tel : + 1 (514) 284-3634

Fax : + 1 (514) 287-1431

Studios \$117.00, single or double occ.

Delta Centre Ville (formerly Radisson)

5 minutes walk to WTC

777 rue University
Montréal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 879-1370

Fax : + 1 (514) 879-1761

First class hotel

Rooms at \$159.00, single or double occ.

Hôtel Taj Mahal (formerly l'Émerillon)

25 minute walk to WTC
and 1 minute from Metro station

1600 rue St-Hubert
Montréal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 849-3214

Fax : + 1 (514) 849-9812

\$80.00 single, or double occ.

Holiday Inn Select (Chinatown, oriental food available)

10 minute walk to WTC

99 Viger West
Montréal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 878-9888

Fax : +1 (514) 878-6341

\$149 single or double occ.

Hôtel Manoir des Alpes

20 minute walk to WTC

1245, St-André St.
Montréal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 845-9803

Fax : + 1 (514) 845-9886

\$68, single

Hôtel de la Montagne

20 minute walk to WTC
and 2 minutes from Metro station

1430, de la Montagne
Montréal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 288-5656 + 1(800) 361-6262 toll free in North America

Fax : + 1 (514) 288-9658

\$155, single or double occ.

Hôtel Marriott (formerly La Citadelle)

15 minute walk to WTC

410, Sherbrooke St. W.
Montréal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 844-8851

Fax : + 1 (514) 844-0912

\$149, single or double occ.

Annex II**VISA REGULATIONS**

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

(list provided by the Government of Canada).

A	Chad	G
Afghanistan	Chile	Gabon
Albania	China (People's Republic)	Gambia
Algeria	Colombia	Georgia
Angola	Comoros	Ghana
Argentina	Congo (Democratic Rep. of)	Guatemala
Armenia	Congo (People's Rep. of)	Guinea
Azerbaijan	Côte d'Ivoire	Guinea-Bissau
	Croatia	Guyana
	Cuba	
B	Czech Republic	H
Bahrain		Haiti
Bangladesh	D	Honduras
Belarus	Djibouti	
Belize	Dominican Republic	I
Benin	E	India
Bhutan	Ecuador	Indonesia
Bolivia	Egypt	Iran (Islamic Rep. of)
Bosnia-Herzegovina	El Salvador	Iraq
Brazil	Equatorial Guinea	Israel (only Israeli citizens holding valid Israeli orange "Travel Document in Lieu of National Passport")
Bulgaria	Eritrea	
Burkina-Faso	Estonia	
Burundi	Ethiopia	
C		J
Cambodia	F	Jamaica
Cameroon	Fiji	Jordan
Cape Verde		
Central African Republic		

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K	Niger	Surinam
Kazakhstan	Nigeria	Syria
Kenya		
Korea (Dem. Rep. of)	O	T
Kuwait	Oman	Tadjikistan
Kyrgyzstan		Taiwan
	P	Tanzania (United Rep. of)
L	Pacific Islands (U.S. Trust Territory)	Thailand
Laos (Lao People's dem. Rep.)	Pakistan	Togo
Latvia	Panama	Tonga
Lebanon	Paraguay	Trinidad & Tobago
Lesotho	Peru	Tunisia
Liberia	Philippines	Turkey
Libya	Poland	Turkmenistan
Lithuania		U
	Q	Uganda
M	Qatar	Ukraine
Macedonia (former Yugoslav Republic of)		United Arab Emirates
Malagasy Republic	R	Uruguay
Malawi	Romania	Uzbekistan
Maldives	Russian Federation	V
Mali	Rwanda	Venezuela
Mauritania		Vietnam
Mauritius	S	Y
Moldova	Sao Tome e Principe	Yemen
Mongolia	Senegal	Yugoslavia
Morocco	Seychelles-The	Z
Mozambique	Sierra Leone	Zambia
Myanmar (Burma)	Slovak Republic	
	Somalia	
N	South Africa	
Nepal	Sri Lanka	
Nicaragua	Sudan	

