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INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
THE BIOSAFETY CLEARING-HOUSE
Montreal, 9-10 November 2004

Information for Participants

1. Opening and registration

The Informal Advisory Committee on the Biosafety Clearing-House will meet in Montreal from Tuesday, 9 November to Wednesday, 10 November 2004.

The meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 9 November, and registration will take place at the meeting venue from 9:00 a.m. the same day. Badges will be prepared and handed over at the Registration desk **only upon the presentation of a valid identification card with a photograph.**

2. Meeting venue

The meeting will be held at the offices of the Secretariat:

Commision for environmental cooperation

Centre de Commerce Mondial de Montreal (Montreal World Trade Centre)
393 Rue St-Jacques, Suite 200
Second floor
Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Access through 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 copies of the documents prepared for the meeting, as they will be available in Montreal only in very limited quantities.

5. Visa/customs

Delegates 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>.

6. General information on access to Montreal

Montreal is serviced by Pierre Elliott Trudeau 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, inclusive of taxes, are as follows:

Trudeau airport to downtown	Bus / Shuttles	Taxis
One way	\$12	\$31(fixed rate)
Return ticket	\$21.75	N.A

7. Hotel information

Attached, as annex A, is an indicative list of hotels located in the vicinity of the meeting venue and the CBD Secretariat or next to a Metro (subway) station. Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at the following websites address: <http://www.montrealaccommodation.com/>

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

8. Official languages in Canada

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

9. Time zone

Montreal is 5 hours behind GMT.

10. Weather information

During the month of November in Montreal, maximum temperatures average 4°C and minimum temperatures average -3°C. The weather is usually rainy and cloudy with slight chance of snowfalls.

11. Electricity

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

12. Currency

The currency in Canada is the Canadian Dollar (Can\$). The current exchange rate is \$1 US = \$1.23 Canadian

Annex A
HOTEL LIST

Prices given, in Canadian currency, are **indicative** and may be **subject to change** without notice:

\$1 US = approx. \$ 1.27 Canadian

\$1 Canadian = approx. \$ 0.79 US

Prices do not include the following taxes: GST 7% + QST 7.5 % = 15.03%. Tax refund is possible for non-Canadians. Please ask for forms at the registration desk during the meeting.

You must make your own reservations.

Best Western****

20 minute-walk to SCBD office

3407 Peel Street (corner of Peel and Sherbrooke Street)

Montreal

Tel: 514-288-4141 or toll-free: 1-800-528-1234

Fax: 514-288-3021

<http://www.hotelvillemarie.com>

\$107 single, \$125 deluxe, including breakfast. Please mention United Nations when making reservations.

Delta Centre Ville ** (ex-Radisson)**

5 minute-walk to SCBD office

777 University Street

Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 879-1370

Fax: + 1 (514) 879-1761

<http://www.deltahotels.com/>

First class hotel

☐ Standard *Delta* guestroom **\$144.00** single or double occupancy

☐ Club Signature* guestroom **\$169.00** single or double occupancy

* **Signature Club** guest rooms includes; cozy goose duvet, deluxe bathrobe, CD clock radio, cordless phone, mini-bar, coffee maker and complimentary coffee, evening turndown service, access to Health Club and offers a private access to the ***Signature Club Lounge**. Our Club lounge is located on the 29th floor with **complimentary deluxe continental breakfast, cocktail hour with honour bar**, private concierge service and many more.

Nb. The Delta Centre-Ville has set aside a block of bedrooms. Please mention the name of the meeting to ensure the special rates.

Hotel Inter-Continental Montréal ****

same building as SCBD office

360 St-Antoine Street West

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 \$159. Please mention United Nations rate when making reservations.

Holiday Inn Select ** (Chinatown, oriental food available)**

10 minute-walk to SCBD office

99 Viger Street West

Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 878-9888

Fax: +1 (514) 878-6341

<http://www.hiselect-yul.com/>

\$170 standard.

Hôtel de la Montagne****

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/>

\$185 single, \$ 275 double.

20 minute-walk to SCBD office

Hôtel Courtyard Marriott Montréal**(formerly La Citadelle)**

410, Sherbrooke Street West
Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 844-8851

Fax : + 1 (514) 844-0912

<http://www.courtyard.com/>

\$159, single or double occupancy.

15 minute-walk to SCBD office

La Tour Centre-Ville ***

400 René-Lévesque Blvd. W.
Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 866-8861

Fax: + 1 (514) 866-7257

\$105 double, \$129 small suite, \$ 159 big suite

15 minute-walk to SCBD office

Hôtel Manoir des Alpes ***

1245, St-André Street
Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 845-9803

Fax : + 1 (514) 845-9886

<http://www.hotelmanoirdesalpes.qc.ca/>

Rooms \$65, including breakfast.

20 minute-walk to SCBD office

Travelodge ***

50, René-Lévesque Blvd. West
Montreal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 874-9090

Fax : + 1 (514) 874-0907

<http://www.travelodge.com/>

\$109, single or double occupancy, including breakfast

20 minute-walk to SCBD office

L'Appartement-in-Montréal ***

455, Sherbrooke Street West
Montreal

Tel.: + 1 (514) 284-3634

Fax: + 1 (514) 287-1431

<http://www.appartementin.com/>

\$140 single, \$160 small suite

15 minute-walk to SCBD offices

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** Canada:

A

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Angola
Argentina
Armenia
Azerbaijan

B

Bahrain
Bangladesh
Belarus
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi

C

Cambodia
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Rep.
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo, Democratic Republic of the
Congo, Republic of the
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Czech Republic

D

Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Rep.

E

East Timor
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea

E cont...

Eritrea
Estonia
Ethiopia

F

Fiji

G

Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana

H

Haiti
Honduras
Hungary

I

India
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq
Israel (only Israeli citizens holding valid Israeli
"Travel Document in lieu of National Passport")

J

Jamaica
Jordan

K

Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, North
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan

L

Laos
Latvia
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Lithuania

M

Macao S.A.R.
Macedonia
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives Islands
Mali
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Micronesia, Fed. States
Moldova
Mongolia
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar (Burma)

N

Nauru
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria

O

Oman

P

Pakistan
Palau
Palestinian Authority
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland

Q

Qatar

R

Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda

S

Sao Tomé e Príncipe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia and Montenegro
Seychelles

S cont...

Sierra Leone
Slovakia
Somalia
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Surinam
Syria

T

Tajikistan
Tanzania
Thailand
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu

U

Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uruguay
Uzbekistan

V

Vanuatu
Venezuela
Vietnam

Y

Yemen

Z

Zambia
Zimbabwe
