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Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The Fifth meeting of the Compliance Committee under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from Wednesday, 19 to Friday, 21 November 2008.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 19 November 2008, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 9:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Faculty of Law,
University Malaya
50603 Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia
Telephone: +1-603-7967-6579
Fax: +1-603-7967-6582
E-mail: ceblaw@um.edu.my

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English only.

4. Documents



Documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSCC-05>

5. General information on access to Kuala Lumpur



The city of Kuala Lumpur is serviced by the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) (55 km from downtown).

Taxis and limousines are readily available for hire from KLIA terminal to Kuala Lumpur city centre. Delegates are required to purchase a pre-paid coupon for the fare at the taxi/limousine counter situated in the Arrival Hall before proceeding to the taxi stand.

The train service (fare MYR 35.00 – approximately US \$10.50) is available from KLIA to city centre terminal called “KL Sentral”. Information on the train service can be obtained from the information desk located at the KLIA terminal.

Taxis are readily available from “KL Sentral” to the hotel. Participants are required to purchase a pre-paid coupon for the taxi at the counter situated inside the KL Sentral terminal.

6. Visa information

Participants from countries listed below require an entry visa for Malaysia and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Malaysian 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 Malaysian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia at: www.kln.gov.my.

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

List of countries whose citizens require a visa to enter Malaysia

Afghanistan	Djibouti	Mali
Angola	Equatorial Guinea	Montenegro
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Eritrea	Mozambique
Burundi	Ethiopia	Myanmar
Cameroon	Ghana	Nepal
Central African Republic	Guinea-Bissau	Niger
China	India	Nigeria
Colombia	Israel	Pakistan
Comoros	Ivory Coast	Rwanda
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Kosovo	Serbia
Congo, Republic of the	Liberia	Slovenia
Croatia		Sri Lanka
		The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

7. Health information

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers arriving within 6 days from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.

8. Hotel information

A block booking has been made on behalf of all participants at the **Boulevard Hotel** located at the following:

Boulevard Hotel
Mid Valley City, Lingkaran Syed Putra
59200 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Telephone: +1-603-2295-8000
Fax: +1-603-2287-8551
Email: infokul@blvhotel.com; resvnlkul@blvhotel.com
Website: <http://www.blvhotel.com>



Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to confirm their reservations by communicating directly with the Boulevard Hotel reservations as soon as possible.** Participants will have to settle payments directly with the Hotel.

Transportation to and from the meeting venue will be provided to delegates staying at the Boulevard Hotel only.

Other information on hotels are available at the official site of tourism Malaysia at: <http://www.tourism.gov.my/>

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

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

10. Official language in Kuala Lumpur

The official language of Malaysia is Malay (Bahasa Melayu), however, English is widely spoken as are a number of Chinese dialects.

11. Weather and time zone information



In November, temperatures in Kuala Lumpur usually range between a maximum of +32°C and a minimum of +23°C. The general weather conditions are rainy from September to November. The standard time zone will be GMT + 8 hours. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/020/c00082.htm>

12. Electricity

240 volts, 50 Hertz.



13. Currency



The currency in Malaysia is the Malaysian Ringgit (MYR \$). The current exchange rate is US \$1 = MYR 3.51, (Euro) € 1 = MYR 4.80 and MYR 1.00 = US \$0.29 and MYR 1.00 = € 0.21.

14. 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.