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1. Opening and registration

The Ninth meeting of the Compliance Committee will be held in Montreal from Wednesday, 30 May to Friday, 1 June 2012.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 30 May 2012 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:

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

413 St-Jacques Street West, Suite 800

Montréal, Québec

Canada, H2Y 1N9

Tel: 514-288-2220

Fax: 514-288-6588

Metro station Square-Victoria, line no. 2 (Orange)

3. Working language

The meeting will be held in English.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site. Pre-session documents will be on the Secretariat's web site as they become available:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=BSCC-09>

5. General information on access to Montreal



Montreal is serviced by Montreal-Trudeau International Airport (15 km from downtown). Taxis and a bus (no. 747) are available at the airport. The information on rates is as follows.

Bus / Shuttles:

Montreal-Trudeau Airport/Downtown
(several locations) STM Express bus
No. 747

One way trip

CDN \$8
(at the airport tickets are sold at the
International Currency Exchange (ICE)
counter on the international arrivals level)

Taxis:

Montreal-Trudeau /Downtown

CDN \$40 Fixed rate

6. Visa requirements



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. **Please note that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Canadian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web site of Canadian Citizenship and Immigration at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/index.asp#international>.

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

7. Hotel information

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible.**

Below is an indicative list of hotels (**Annex B**) located in the vicinity of the CBD Secretariat or close to a Metro (subway) station. To benefit from the special room rates some hotels are offering please request the rates according to the listing in the annex.

Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at the following web site:

<http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/Accommodations>



8. Payment of the daily subsistence allowances (DSA)

The DSA will be paid to participants starting on the first day of the meeting.

9. Official languages

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 June temperatures in Montreal usually range between a maximum of +23°C in the daytime and a minimum of +11°C at night. Please bring appropriate clothing. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/056/c00634.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC -4 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 120 volts, 60 Hertz a (two-pin flat and vertical with a ground connection) as shown below.



12. Currency



The currency in Canada is the Canadian Dollar (CDN \$). The current exchange rate as at 20 March 2012 is US \$1 = CDN \$0.99 and € 1 = CDN \$1.31.

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, accident and travel insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A – Country Listing

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER CANADA AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE 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 and Herzegovina
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi

C

Cambodia
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo, Democratic Republic of the
Congo, Republic of the
Costa Rica
Cuba
Czech Republic

D

Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic

E

East Timor
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea

E (cont'd)

Eritrea
Ethiopia

F

Fiji

G

Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana

H

Haiti
Honduras

I

India
Indonesia
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq
Israel
Ivory Coast

J

Jamaica
Jordan

K

Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan

L

Lao, People's Democratic Republic of
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Lithuania

M

Macao
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia, Fed. States of
Moldova
Mongolia
Montenegro
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar

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
Seychelles

S (Cont'd)

Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Syrian Arab Republic

T

Tajikistan
Tanzania, United Republic of
Thailand
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu

U

Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uruguay
Uzbekistan

V

Vanuatu
Venezuela
Viet Nam

Y

Yemen

Z

Zambia
Zimbabwe

Rate of exchange: US \$1 = CDN \$0.99 and
€1 = CDN \$1.29

Annex B – Hotel Listing

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN CANADIAN DOLLARS

PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE THE APPLICABLE TAXES: GST 5% + QST 9.5%

RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

A. FIVE STAR HOTELS	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
1. Hotel Inter-Continental Montreal 360 St. Antoine Street West, Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-847-8525, option #3 America toll free: 1-800 361 3600 Fax: +1-514-847-8730 E-mail: montreal@interconti.com ; yulhb-reservations@ihg.com Web site: http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental/en/gb/reservations/dates-preferences/montreal	Please request the <u>SCBD</u> or <u>ICAO</u> Rates at the time of booking. Jan – Apr \$159.00 1 King Bed May – Oct \$189.00 1 King Bed Nov – Dec \$159.00 1 King Bed	1 minute walk	Rates include: High speed internet
2. Hyatt Regency Montreal 1255 Jeanne-Mance, Montreal, Quebec, H5B 1E5 Tel: +1-514- 982-1234 Fax: +1-514-841-2069 Web site: www.montreal.hyatt.com	Please request the <u>CBD/SCBD</u> rates at the time of booking or #78642 for online bookings. Jan – Apr \$145.00 May – Oct \$180.00 Nov – Dec \$145.00	15 minutes' walk	Rates include: High speed internet
B. FOUR-STAR HOTELS			
3. Delta Centre Ville 777 University Street Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-879-1370 Fax: +1-514-879-1761 Web link for reservations: www.deltahotels.com/bg3	Please Request the <u>CBD</u> or <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking. Jan – Dec \$155.00 Single Jan – Dec \$175.00 Double	5 minutes' walk	Rates include: - High speed internet - Breakfast
4. Holiday Inn Select 99 Viger Street West Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-878-9888 Fax: +1-514-878-6341 Web site: www.ichotelsgroup.com	Please request the <u>CBD/SCBD</u> or <u>UN</u> rates at the time of booking. Jan - Apr \$125.00 May – Oct \$149.00 Nov – Dec \$125.00	5 minutes' walk	Rates include: High speed internet
5. Hôtel de la Montagne 1430 de la Montagne Street Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-288-5656 Toll free in North America: + 1-800-361-6262 Fax: +1-514-288-9658 Web site: www.hoteldelamontagne.com	Please request <u>CBD</u> or <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking. Jan - Dec \$155.00 1 King Bed Jan - Dec \$185.00 2 Queen Beds	15 minutes' walk	Rates include: High speed internet
6. Square Phillips (Hotel & Suites) 1193 Place Phillips Montreal, Quebec H3B 3C9 Tel. +1-514-393-1193 Fax: +1-514-393-1192 Web site: www.squarephillips.com	Please request <u>SCBD</u> rates at the time of booking. Daily (D) and weekly (W) rates available. Studio: Jan–Apr (D \$130.00-W \$121.00) May-Oct (D \$149.00-W \$133.00) Nov-Dec (D \$132.00-W \$123.00) (rates for other rooms sizes are available, contact hotel directly)	9 minutes' walk	Rates include: - Breakfast - Free internet - Local calls

B. FOUR-STAR HOTELS (continued)	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
7. Embassy Suites 208 St-Antoine West Montreal, Quebec Tel: +1-514-288-8886 Fax: +1-514-288-8899 Web site: http://embassysuites1.hilton.com/en_US/es/hotel/YULD/NES-Embassy-Suites-Montreal-Quebec/index.do	Please request <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking. Rates are divided in two: under 2 weeks and over 2 weeks. Under 2 weeks, \$159.00 Over 2 Weeks, \$129.00	15 minutes' walk	Rates include: • Breakfast • High speed internet • Two drinks daily
8. Le Westin Montréal 270 St-Antoine West Montreal, Quebec Tel: +1-514-380-3333 Fax: +1-514-380-3332 Web site: http://www.westinmontreal.com/	Please request <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking. Jan – Apr \$159.00 May – Oct \$179.00 Nov – Dec \$159.00	2 minutes' walk	Rates include: • High speed internet
9. Best Western 3407 Peel Street (corner of Peel and Sherbrooke Street) Montreal, Quebec Tel: +1-514-288-4141 or Toll-free: +1-800-361-7791(Canada &U.S.A.) Fax: +1-514-288-3021 Reservations: sam@hotelvillemarie.com Web site: www.hotelvillemarie.com	Please request <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking. Nov – Apr \$109.00 May – Oct \$135.00	20 minutes' walk	Rates include: • High speed internet
10. Hotel Le Dauphin 1025, De Bleury Montreal Tel: +1-514-788-3888 Fax: +1-514-788-3889 E-mail: mtl_centre@hoteldauphin.ca Web site: www.hoteldauphin.ca	Please request <u>CBD</u> rates at the time of booking. Nov – Apr \$115.00 May – Oct \$129.00	2 minutes' walk	Rates include: • Breakfast • High speed internet
11. L'Appartement-in-Montréal 455 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-284-3634 Fax: +1-514-287-1431 Web site: www.appartementhotel.com	Please request <u>SCBD</u> rates at the time of booking. Daily (D) and weekly (W) rates available. Studio: Jan – Apr (D\$112.00-W\$101.00) May –Oct (D\$125.00-W\$108.00) Nov – Dec (D\$112.00-W\$101.00) (rates for other rooms sizes are available, contact hotel directly)	15 minutes' walk	Rates include: • Breakfast • High speed internet • Local calls
12. Hotel La Tour Centrale 400 René-Lévesque Blvd. W. Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-866-8861 Fax: +1-514-866-7257 E-mail : sales@hotelcentreville.com Web site: www.hotelcentreville.com	Please request <u>CBD</u> rates at the time of booking. Apr -8 May: \$75.00 studio/\$85 suite 9 May-Oct: \$82.00 studio/\$92 suite	10 minutes' walk	Rates Include: • High Speed Internet

C. THREE-STAR HOTELS			
13. Travelodge 50, René-Lévesque Blvd. West Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-874-9090 Fax: +1-514-874-0907 E-mail: reserve@travellodgemontreal.ca Web site: www.travelodge.com	Please request <u>CBD</u> rates at the time of booking. Jan – Apr \$73.00 May – Oct \$93.00 Nov – Dec \$73.00	15 minutes' walk	Rates include: • High speed internet
14. L'HOTEL 262 St Jacques West Montreal, QC H2Y 1N1 Tel.: +1-514-985-0019 Fax.: +1-514-985-0059 Web site: http://www.lhotelmontreal.com/	Please request <u>CBD</u> rate at the time of booking. Jan – Apr \$115.00 May-Oct \$135.00 Nov – Dec \$115.00	2 minutes' walk	Rates include: • Breakfast • High speed internet
