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OPEN-ENDED AD HOC WORKING  
GROUP ON BIOSAFETY  
Second Meeting  
Montréal, Canada  
12 to 16 May 1997

**Information for Participants**

The second meeting of the Open-ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held from Monday, 12 May to Friday, 16 May 1997 at the XXXX Montréal, Canada.

Venue

The official opening will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Monday 12 May 1997. Registration will commence on Sunday 11 May 1997 at 12 p.m until 6 p.m. and will continue throughout the week from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m.

All official delegates are required to present credentials upon registration.

Access to Montreal

Montreal is serviced by two (2) airports: Dorval airport (15 km from downtown) for flights from within North America and Mirabel airport (50 km from downtown) for overseas flights. You can reach Montreal by taxi, or by buses leaving every 30 minutes. Fares :

<b>Bus / Schuttles</b>	One way trip	Round trip
Dorval / Downtown	\$ 9.00	\$ 16.50
Mirabel / Downtown	\$ 14.00	\$ 20.50
<b>Taxis</b>		
Dorval / Downtown	\$25.00 appr.	N/a
Mirabel / Downtown	\$ 60.00 appr.	N/a

Please find attached (Annex I) a list of hotels located in the vicinity of the [ **Convention Centre of**

**Montreal** / Palais des Congrès de Montréal ] and of the Secretariat of the Convention **or** next to a Metro station (the Montreal Metro is safe). It is strongly recommended to book your hotel as soon as possible as the beginning of May is the beginning of peak season.

Time Zone:

Montreal is GMT less 5 hours.

Weather:

The beginning of May is usually a pleasant time with spring conditions and a maximum temperature averaging xx°C (xx°F) and minimum xx°C (xx°F). There is a moderate risk of showers and thunder storms.

Voltage:

110 volts, 60 Hertz. It is possible to buy transformers for \$50.

Visas / Customs

Please find attached (Annex II) a list of countries whose citizens require a visa to visit Canada.

Pre-Registration

Please find attached (Annex III) a pre-registration form that we ask you to send back by 15 April 1997.

Annexes

- Hotel list
- List of countries with visa requirements
- Pre-registration form

**Annex I**

2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the  
Open-Ended Ad Hoc Working Group on Biosafety  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 12-16 May 1997

**Suggested Hotels:**

Prices are given in \$ Canadian

1 \$ US = appr. \$ 1,40 Canadian  
1 \$ Canadian = appr. \$ 0,71 US

Prices do not include taxes. (GST 7% + QST 6.5 % = 13.96%)

\*NOTE: **You have to make your own reservations.**

**Days Inn Vieux Montreal** 10 minutes by foot to Montreal Convention Centre  
1199, rue Berri  
Montréal  
Tél.: + 1 (514) 845-9236  
Fax: + 1 (514) 849-9855  
\$ 75, 1 or 2 persons

**La Tour Centre-Ville** 10 minutes by foot to Montreal Convention Centre  
400 René-Lévesque Blvd. W.  
Montreal  
Tel.: 1 (514) 866-8861  
Fax: 1 (514) 866-7257  
Studios only, \$ 69.00, 1 or 2 persons

**Travelodge** 10 minutes by foot to Montreal Convention Centre  
50, René-Lévesque Blvd. W.  
Montreal  
Tel.: 1 (514) 874-9090  
Fax: 1 (514) 874-0907  
Rooms at \$ 65.00 1 or 2 persons

**L'Appartement** 20 minutes by foot to Montreal Convention Centre  
455, Sherbrooke W.  
Montreal  
Tel.: 1 (514) 284-3634  
Fax : 1 (514) 287-1431  
Studios \$ 72.00, 1 or 2 persons

**Le Radisson**

777 University  
Montreal

Tel.: 1 (514) 879-1370

Fax: 1 (514) 879-1761

First class hotel

Rooms at \$ 125.00, 1 or 2 persons, including breakfast from Monday to Friday.

*\*This rate can be obtained by using United Nations Account # 91317 when making reservation.*

15 minutes by foot to Montreal Convention Centre and direct access through Metro

**Millon**

1600 rue St-Hubert

Montreal

Tel.: 1 (514) 849-3214

Fax: 1 (514) 849-9812

\$ 60.00, 1 person, \$ 65.00, 2 persons

20 minutes by foot to Montreal Convention Centre and 1 minute

from Metro station

**Hôtel Ramada**

Montreal

999, de Sérigny

Longueuil (Suburb of Montreal)

Tel.: 1 (514) 670-3030

Fax: 1 (514) 670-5928

\$ 76.00, 1 or 2 persons

1 minute from Montreal Metro station - 30 minutes ride to

Convention Centre

**Holiday Inn Select**

99 Viger ouest

Montreal

Tel.: 1 (514) 878-9888

Fax: 1 (514) 878-6341

\$ 119, 1 or 2 persons

5 minutes by foot to Montreal Convention Centre

**Hôtel Manoir des Alpes**

1245, St-André St.

Montreal

Tel.: 1 (514) 845-9803

Fax: 1 (514) 845-9886

\$ 58, 1 person

15 minutes by foot to Montreal Convention Centre

**Hôtel de la Montagne**

Metro

1430, de la Montagne

Montréal

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

Fax: 1 (514) 288-9658

\$ 114, 1 or 2 persons

30 minutes by foot to Convention Centre and 2 minutes from

station

**Hôtel La Citadelle**

410, Sherbrooke St. W.

Montreal

Tel.: 1 (514) 844-8851

Fax : 1 (514) 844-0912

\$ 89, 1 or 2 persons

20 minutes by foot to Convention Centre

**Annex II**

**COUNTRIES THAT REQUIRE VISAS TO ENTER CANADA**

**- A -**

AFGHANISTAN  
ALBANIA  
ALGERIA  
ANGOLA  
ARGENTINA  
ARMENIA  
AZERBAIJAN

**- B -**

BAHRAIN  
BANGLADESH  
BELARUS  
BELIZE  
BENIN  
BHUTAN  
BOLIVIA  
BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA  
BRAZIL  
BULGARIA  
BURKINA FASO  
BURUNDI

**- C -**

CAMBODIA  
CAMEROON  
CAPE VERDE  
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC  
CHAD  
CHILE  
CHINA (PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC)  
COLOMBIA  
COMOROS  
CONGO  
CROATIA  
CUBA

**- D -**

DJIBOUTI  
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

**- E -**

ECUADOR  
EGYPT  
EQUATORIAL GUINEA  
ESTONIA  
ETHIOPIA

**- F -**

FIJI

**- G -**

GABON

GAMBIA (THE)

GEORGIA

GHANA

GUATEMALA

GUINEA

GUINEA-BISSAU

GUYANA

**- H -**

HAITI

HONDURAS

**- I -**

INDIA

INDONESIA

IRAN

IRAQ

ISRAEL

IVORY COAST

**- J -**

JAMAICA

JORDAN

**- K -**

KAZAKHSTAN

KENYA

KOREA (DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF)

KUWAIT

KYRGYZSTAN

**- L -**

LAOS (DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC)

LATVIA

LEBANON

LESOTHO

LIBERIA

LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

LITHUANIA

**- M -**

MACEDONIA (THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF)

MALAGASY REPUBLIC

MALAWI

MALDIVES

MALI

MAURITANIA  
MAURITIUS  
MOLDOVA (REPUBLIC OF)  
MONGOLIA  
MOROCCO  
MOZAMBIQUE  
MYANMAR

**- N -**

NEPAL  
NICARAGUA  
NIGER  
NIGERIA

**- O -**

OMAN

**- P -**

PAKISTAN  
PANAMA  
PARAGUAY  
PERU  
PHILIPPINES  
POLAND  
PORTUGAL

**- Q -**

QATAR

**- R -**

ROMANIA  
RUSSIAN FEDERATION  
RWANDA

**- S -**

SAO TOME E PRINCIPE  
SENEGAL  
SEYCHELLES  
SIERRA LEONE  
SLOVAKIA  
SOMALIA  
SOUTH AFRICA  
SRI LANKA  
SUDAN  
SURINAME  
SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC

**- T -**

TADJIKISTAN  
THAILAND  
TOGO  
TONGA



TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
TUNISIA  
TURKEY  
TURKMENISTAN

- U -  
UGANDA  
UKRANIE  
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
URUGUAY  
UZBEKISTAN

- V -  
VENEZUELA  
VIET NAM

- Y -  
YEMEN  
YUGOSLAVIA

- Z -  
ZAIRE  
ZAMBIA

**Annex III**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the  
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**Pre-Registration Form**  
(Please print)

**First Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

**REPRESENTING :**  **COUNTRY** \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION** \_\_\_\_\_

**NGO**  **IGO**

**UN**  **MEDIA**

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Fax:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Telex:** (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Credentials : Please attach.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form duly filled by 15 April 1997 to:**

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity

World Trade Centre

393, Saint-Jacques St, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Montreal, Quebec Canada

H2Y 1N9

Fax: + 1 (514) 288-6588