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Chisinau, 26-28 November 2007

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Venue

The Central and Eastern Europe Regional Workshop on Capacity-Building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms will be held in Chisinau from Monday, 26 November to Wednesday 28 November 2007.

The meeting will take place at:

CODRU Hotel
Press Conference Hall
#127, 31 August 1989 str., MD-2012
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
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Fax: +373 22 237948
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2. Opening and registration

The Workshop will be opened at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 26 November 2007. Registration will take place at the venue of the Workshop from 8 a.m. to 8.45 a.m. the same day.

3. Working language of the Workshop

The Workshop will be held in English and Russian only.

4. Documents

The main pre-session documents for the Workshop will be dispatched to the participants as soon as they are finalized. The documents will also be accessible at the Secretariat's web site at: www.cbd.int.

In order to minimize the environmental impacts of the Secretariat's processes, and to contribute to the Secretary-General's initiative for a C-Neutral UN, this document is printed in limited numbers. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies to meetings and not to request additional copies.

5. Visas

Entry visa is required for all nationals from countries that are not exempted from visa requirements to enter in Moldova. Participants are strongly advised to check with the nearest Moldavian Diplomatic or Consular Mission regarding visa requirements in order to secure an entry visa to Moldova prior to departure as airline companies may refuse boarding to passengers without a valid visa. Please check the following website for visa information: <http://www.mfa.gov.md/consular-information/>.

For participants coming from countries with no Moldovan Embassy/Consular office, arrangements can be made for the visa to be issued at the airport upon the arrival. Such participants are advised to contact the following focal person, **as early as possible**, to allow sufficient time for the visa process.

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Visa requirements:

The necessary documents (<http://www.mfa.gov.md/consular-information/>):

- the travel document (valid for at least six months after the date of expiry of the requested visa)
- the latest photograph (35x45mm, 1.5"x2.0")
- the filled in and signed visa application form

- The Invitation letter, which will be issued by the Host of the Meeting,

For any assistance on visa-related issues, please contact the focal person listed above.

6. Access to Chisinau

The city of Chisinau is serviced by the Chisinau International Airport, which is located about 10 km from downtown. Taxis are readily available for about 80 Moldovan lei (MDL) (equivalent of US\$ 8-10) from the airport to any hotel in the city.

7. Hotel information

A block hotel booking has been made on behalf of all directly sponsored participants at Codru hotel, the venue of the meeting, based on the available reasonable price. Participants wishing to stay at this hotel are advised to inform, as soon as possible, the contact person named in section 5 above in order to benefit from the special rate negotiated by the Moldovan Government.

Contact information for another hotel close to the workshop venue can be found in the annex for participants who wish to make their own booking. It is highly recommended that participants make their hotel reservations as early as possible.

9. Currency and rate of exchange

Moldavian Currency is the Moldavian leu (MDL). The current exchange rate (as of October 2007) is 1US \$ = MDL 11.44 or 1 MDL = US\$ 0.09.

10. Credit Cards

Visa and Master cards can be used in various branches of Moldavian banks.

11. Official language

The official language in Moldova is Moldavian. A large part of the population also speaks Russian. However, English is a working language at international conferences and is fairly well understood and spoken in hotels and restaurants.

12. Time zone

Moldavian standard time (UTC) is GMT +2:00.

13. Weather conditions

During the month of November the minimum temperature of Chisinau is 2 °C and can reach a maximum of 8 °C. This time of the year is the rainy season. More information on weather is available at the following web site: www.meteo.md.

14. Voltage

In Moldova the electricity standard is 220 volts.

15. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, 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, prior to departure, international medical insurance for the period of participation.

Annex

LIST OF HOTELS CLOSE TO THE VENUE

1. CODRU Hotel.

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Tel: +373 22 208104, 208116
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E-mail: reception@codru.md
Website: www.codru.md

Hotel rates are available at: <http://www.codru.md/?action=show&cat=3>

2. DACIA Hotel

#135, 31 August 1989 str., MD-2012,
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova
Tel: +373 22 232251,
Fax: +373 22 234647
E-mail: info@hotel-dacia.com
Website: www.hotel-dacia.com

Hotel rates are available at: <http://www.hotel-dacia.com/cost.html>

More information on hotels is also available at the following site:
<http://www.hotels.md>
