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INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Informal Meeting on Formats, Protocols and Standards for Improved Exchange of Biodiversity-related Information will be held in Montreal, Canada, on 19- 20 February 2002. Registration will commence at 8:30 am.

Venue:

The meeting will be held on the premises of the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity located downtown:

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity
393 Saint-Jacques Street, suite 300
Montreal,
Province of Quebec, Canada.
Access through metro, line 2 - Orange, station **Square-Victoria**

Telephone: + 1 (514) 288-2220
Fax: + 1 (514) 288-6588

Access to Montreal:

Montreal is serviced by the Dorval airport (15 km from downtown). Taxis are available at the airport and there is a shuttle-bus service every 30 minutes.

Fares:

Bus / Shuttles:	One way trip	Round trip
Dorval / Downtown	\$ 11.00	\$19.75

Taxis:

Dorval / Downtown	\$ 28.00 Fixed rate	N.A.
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Accommodation in Montreal :

Please find attached an indicative list of hotels (Annex I) located in the vicinity of the International Civil

Aviation Organization (ICAO) building and the Secretariat of the CBD or next to a Metro station (the Montreal Metro/Subway is safe). **Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at the following website address: <http://www.tourism-montreal.org>**

Time Zone:

Montreal is GMT less 5 hours.

Weather:

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

Voltage:

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

Pre-Registration:

A pre-registration form is attached (Annex II). To enable the Secretariat to print the actual number of documents needed and to avoid waste of resources, delegates are kindly invited to specify which of the six official languages of the United Nations is/are preferred. It should be returned duly filled by **19 October 2001**.

Visas / Customs:

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

Services to Delegates:

The Business Centre will provide services to delegates on a commercial basis. Services available include: photocopying, cyber café for delegates, telephone and fax.

Documents:

The main pre-session documents for the meeting will be dispatched by the end of August 2001 to the National Focal Points. The documents are also accessible at the Secretariat's web page at [<www.biodiv.org>](http://www.biodiv.org). Delegates are kindly reminded to bring their documents, as they will only be available at the meeting facilities in limited quantities for reasons of economy.

Credit Cards:

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in Montreal.

Attached

Annex I : List of hotels

Annex II : Pre-registration form

Annex III: List of countries with visa requirements (in accordance with the list provided by the Government of Canada, on the website of the Canadian Department of Immigration <www.cic.gc.ca>)

Annex I

Hotel List

Prices given in Canadian currency are indicative and may be subject to changes :

\$1 US = appr. \$1.52 Canadian

\$1 Canadian = appr. \$0.66 US

Prices do not include 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.

Lord Berri Hotel * (formerly Days Inn Vieux Montreal) 20 minute-walk to ICAO Building**

1199, Berri Street

Montreal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 845-9236

Fax : + 1 (514) 849-9855

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

\$89 single, \$ 99 double

La Tour Centre-Ville ***

15 minute-walk to ICAO Building

400 René-Lévesque Blvd. W.

Montreal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 866-8861

Fax : + 1 (514) 866-7257

Studios \$66.00, Small suite at \$70.00 for single occupancy, Big suite at \$75.00 for double occupancy + \$12.00 per additional person.

Travelodge ***

20 minute-walk to ICAO Building

50, René-Lévesque Blvd. W.

Montreal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 874-9090

Fax : + 1 (514) 874-0907

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

Rooms at \$79.00, single or double occ., including breakfast

L'Appartement-in-Montréal ***

15 minute-walk to ICAO Building

455, Sherbrooke W.

Montreal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 284-3634

Fax : + 1 (514) 287-1431

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

Studios \$90.00, single or double occ.

Best Western****

(20 minute-walk from the Centre de Commerce Mondial)

3407 Peel Street (corner of Peel and Sherbrooke Street)

Montreal

Tel : 514-288-4141

Fax : 514-288-3021

<http://www.hotelvillemarie.com>

Room at Can\$ 91.00. Please mention United Nations/SCBD when making reservations

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

across the road from ICAO

Building.

777 University

Montreal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 879-1370

Fax : + 1 (514) 879-1761

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

First class hotel

Rooms at \$125.00, single or double occ. Please mention United Nations/ICAO account # 91317 when making reservations.

Holiday Inn Select ** (Chinatown, oriental food available)** 10 minute-walk to ICAO Building

99 Viger West

Montreal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 878-9888

Fax : +1 (514) 878-6341

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

\$149 single or double occ.

Hôtel Manoir des Alpes ***

20 minute-walk to ICAO Building

1245, St-André St.

Montreal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 845-9803

Fax : + 1 (514) 845-9886

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

\$75, single

Hôtel de la Montagne ****

20 minute-walk to ICAO Building and 2 minutes from Metro station

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/>

\$165 for single occ.

\$175 for double occ.

Hôtel Courtyard Marriott Montréal** (formerly La Citadelle)** 15 minute-walk to ICAO Building

410, Sherbrooke St. W.

Montreal

Tel. : + 1 (514) 844-8851

Fax : + 1 (514) 844-0912

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

\$139, single or double occ.

Annex II

VISA REGULATIONS

Citizens of the following countries require a visa to **visit** or **transit** Canada
(in accordance with the list provided by the Government of 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 Republic
Chad
Chile
China (People's Republic)
Colombia
Comoros
Congo (Democratic Rep. of)
Congo (People's Rep. of)
Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Czech Republic

D

Djibouti
Dominican Republic

E

East Timor
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Estonia
Ethiopia

F

Fiji

G

Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana

H

Haiti
Honduras

I

India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Rep. of)
Iraq
Israel (only Israeli citizens
holding valid Israeli orange
"Travel Document in Lieu
of National Passport")

J

Jamaica
Jordan

K

Kazakhstan
Kenya
Korea (Dem. Rep. of)
Korea (North))
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan

L

Laos (Lao People's
Democratic Rep.)
Latvia
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Lithuania

M

Macau
Macedonia (former Yugoslav
Republic of)
Malagasy Republic
Malawi
Maldives
Mali
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Micronesia (Federated States)
Moldova
Mongolia
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar (Burma)

N

Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria

O

Oman

P

Pacific Islands (U.S. Trust
Territory)
Pakistan
Palau (Rep. of)
Panama
Paraguay
Palestinian National Authority
Peru
Philippines
Poland

Q

Qatar

R

Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda

S

Sao Tome e Principe
Senegal
Seychelles-The
Sierra Leone
Slovakia
Somalia
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Surinam
Syrian Arab Republic

T

Tadjikistan
Tanzania (United Rep. of)
Thailand
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad & Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan

U

Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uruguay
Uzbekistan

V

Venezuela
Vietnam

Y

Yemen
Yugoslavia

Z

Zambia