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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
REGIONAL MEETING ON THE BIOSAFETY
CLEARING HOUSE
Lima, 4-6 September 2001

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL
MEETING ON THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM
Lima, 7 September 2001

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS***Venue***

The Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Meeting on the Biosafety Clearing-House and the Latin America and the Caribbean regional meeting on the Clearing-House Mechanism will be held back to back in Lima, Peru from Tuesday, 4 to Thursday, 6 September and Friday, 7 September 2001 respectively at:

**The Conference Hall
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Jirón Lampa 545 Cercado de Lima- 1-Perú
Telephone: + 51-1-311-2400**

Opening and registration

The meetings will be opened at 9 a.m. on Tuesday 4 September 2001 and Friday 7 September at 8 a.m. respectively. Registration will take place at the venue of the meetings from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Tuesday 4 September 2001 and from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Friday, 7 September respectively.

Services to delegates

Delegates will have access to e-mail and Internet services free-of-charge during the meeting. Delegates may have lunch at the Maury hotel restaurant located one block from the Conference centre (approximate price 15 S/ per person) or in the surrounding area where prices vary between 15 to 25 S/ per person.

Hotel information

Delegates are reminded that they are responsible for making their own hotel accommodation arrangements. Delegates are kindly requested to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible. A list of hotels is attached as annex I. The Direction of the Environmental and Sustainable Development will provide transportation to all delegates from the airport to their respective hotels.

Weather

September is winter season in Perú. The average daytime temperature in the month of September is about 16°C and the relative humidity is around 98%.

Electricity

220 volts, 50 Hertz.

Visas

Delegates are advised to check with the nearest Peruvian diplomatic or consular mission regarding visa and vaccination requirements.

Official language

The official language in Perú is Spanish, but English is understood and spoken in hotels and restaurants.

Currency

The currency in Perú is the Nuevo Sol (S/.). The current exchange rate against the US dollar stands at approximately S/.3.47 for one US dollar.

Credit cards

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in the city.

Further information

Other useful information may be found on: <http://www.perugobierno.gob.pe>.

Annex I

LIST OF HOTELS

1.- **Hotel & Suites Las Américas (*****)**

Avenida Benavides 415 , Miraflores, Lima-Peru

Telephone: (+) 51 1 4447272

Fax: (+) 51 1 444 1137

E-mail: mcanseco@hotelesamericas.com

Prices:

Single or Double: US\$ 105

Taxes and Breakfast (buffet) included

Located:

Miraflores 20 minutes from the Conference Center,

The hotel will provide transportation to participants between the Airport and the hotel and the Conference Center.

2.- **Holiday Inn (Hotels and Suites Miraflores Lima) (****)**

Avenue Benavides # 300, Esquina Colón Miraflores. Lima - 18 Peru

Telephone: (+) 51 1 242- 3200

Fax: (+) 51 1 242 3193

E-mail: tvega@holidayinperu.com

Http:www.hotel@holidayinperu.com

Prices:

Standard de Luxe: US\$ 75

Business Executive Suit: US\$ 95

Taxes and Breakfast (buffet) included

Located:

Miraflores, 25 minutes from the Conference Center, by taxi.

No transportation available to the Conference Center. One-way taxi fair to the Conference Center cost app. S/ 10.

The hotel provides transportation between the Airport and the hotel.

4.- **Maury Hotel (****)**

Jr. Ucayali 201, Lima -1 Peru

Telephone: (+) 51 1 428 8188, 428 8174, 428 3185

Fax: (+) 51 1 426 1273

E-mail: hotmaruy@amauta.rcp.net.pe

Prices:

Single room: US\$ 35

Double room: US\$ 45

Suit: US\$ 80

Located:

Downtown Lima, one Block away from the Conference Center.

The hotel provides transportation between the Airport and the hotel.

5.- Grand Hotel Miraflores (**)**

Av. 28 de Julio 151, Miraflores, Lima - Peru

Telephone: (+) 51 1 446 4943, 241 4647

Fax: (+) 51 1 446 5518

E-mail: reservas@grandhotelmiraflores.com.pe

Prices:

Single room: US\$ 55

Double room: US\$ 65

Triple: US\$ 75

Located:

Miraflores, 25 minutes from the Conference Center, by taxi.

No transportation available to the Conference Center. One way taxi fair to the Conference Center cost app. S/ 10.

The hotel provides transportation from the Airport and the hotel.