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ON BIODIVERSITY
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INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Opening and registration

The meeting of the Brainstorming Session on South-South Cooperation under the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in Montreal from Monday, 6 November to Wednesday, 8 November 2006.

The meeting will start at 930 a.m. on Monday, 6 November 2006, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 9 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

World Trade Centre
413 St. Jacques, Suite 800, 8th Floor
Telephone: + 1 514 288 2220
Fax: + 1 514 288 6588
E-mail: Secretariat@biodiv.org
Metro access, line 2 - Orange, station Square-Victoria

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting.

Pre-session documents will be sent to participants by email in due course.

5. General information on access to Montreal

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

Fares in Canadian dollars:

Bus / Shuttles:	One way trip	Round trip
Airport/Downtown	\$13	\$22.75
Taxis: Airport/downtown	\$35	N.A.

6. Visa/customs

Participants from countries listed in Annex A below require an entry visa for Canada and **are strongly advised to approach as soon as possible the nearest Canadian diplomatic or consular mission in order to secure the required entry visa** prior to departure.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Canadian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the website of Canadian Citizenship and Immigration at:

<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/offices/index.html>.

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

7. Hotel information

Attached, as **Annex B**, is an indicative list of hotels located in the vicinity of the CBD Secretariat or next to a Metro (subway) station. Indicated room rates may vary without notice. Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at:

<http://www.travelnow.com/hotels/hotnetlist.jsp?cid=54847&city=Montreal&stateProvince=PQ&country=CA>

Participants are kindly reminded that they have to make their own hotel reservations **as early as possible**, as there are numerous events in Montreal over the same period of time.

For any query and assistance about hotel accommodation and other arrangements, please contact the Secretariat directly.

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive their DSA on the first day of the meeting.

9. Official languages in Canada

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 November, daytime temperatures in Montreal range between a maximum of 4 and a minimum of -3°C . The standard time zone will be GMT -5 hours. Further information on the weather is available at: http://www.weatheroffice.ec.gc.ca/city/pages/qc-147_metric_e.html

11. Electricity (Voltage)

110 volts, 60 Hertz. (Two-pin, flat and vertical and round earth connection)

12. Currency

The currency in Canada is the Canadian dollar (\$Can). The current exchange rate is \$1 US = \$1.12 Can and \$1 Euro = \$1.42 Can

13. Disclaimer

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

Annex A

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER CANADA AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a Visa to **visit** or **transit** Canada:

A	E (cont'd)	L	R
Afghanistan	El Salvador	Laos	Romania
Albania	Equatorial Guinea	Latvia	Russian Federation
Algeria	Eritrea	Lebanon	Rwanda
Angola	Estonia	Lesotho	
Argentina	Ethiopia	Liberia	S
Armenia		Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Sao Tomé e Príncipe
Azerbaijan	F	Lithuania	Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of
	Fiji		Senegal
B		M	Serbia
Bahrain		Macao S.A.R.	Seychelles
Bangladesh	G	Macedonia (The former	Sierra Leone
Belarus	Gabon	Yugoslav Republic of)	Slovak Rep.
Belize	Gambia	Madagascar	Somalia
Benin	Georgia	Malawi	South Africa
Bhutan	Ghana	Malaysia	Sri Lanka
Bolivia	Grenada	Maldives Islands	Sudan
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Guatemala	Mali	Suriname
Brazil	Guinea	Marshall Islands	Syrian Arab Republic
Bulgaria	Guinea-Bissau	Mauritania	
Burkina Faso	Guyana	Mauritius	T
Burundi		Micronesia, Fed. States of	Tajikistan
	H	Moldova	Tanzania
C	Haiti	Mongolia	The former Yugoslav
Cambodia	Honduras	Montenegro	Republic of Macedonia
Cameroon	Hungary	Morocco	Thailand
Cape Verde		Mozambique	Togo
Central African Rep.	I	Myanmar (Burma)	Tonga
Chad	India		Trinidad and Tobago
Chile	Indonesia	N	Tunisia
China	Iran, Islamic Republic	Nauru	Turkey
Colombia	of	Nepal	Turkmenistan
Comoros	Iraq	Nicaragua	Tuvalu
Congo, Democratic Rep. of	Israel (only Israeli	Niger	
the	citizens holding valid	Nigeria	U
Congo, Rep. of the	Israeli "Travel		Uganda
Costa Rica	Document in lieu of	O	Ukraine
Croatia	National Passport")	Oman	United Arab Emirates
Cuba	Ivory Coast	P	Uruguay
Czech Rep.		Pakistan	Uzbekistan
	J	Palau	
D	Jamaica	Palestinian Authority	V
Djibouti	Jordan	Panama	Vanuatu
Dominica		Paraguay	Venezuela
Dominican Rep.	K	Peru	Viet Nam
	Kazakhstan	Philippines	
E	Kenya	Poland	Y
East Timor	Kiribati		Yemen
Ecuador	Korea, North	Q	
Egypt	Kuwait	Qatar	Z
	Kyrgyzstan		Zambia
			Zimbabwe

Annex B

Rate of exchange: \$1 US = \$1.12 Can \$1 Euro = \$1.42 Can
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List of hotels with indicative room rates in Canadian dollars
Prices do not include the following taxes: GST 6% + QST 7.5% = 13.95%

A. FIVE STAR HOTELS	Number of rooms	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
1. Hotel Inter-Continental Montreal 360 St. Antoine Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514847-8525 America toll free: +1-800 327-0200/361 3600 Fax: +1-514 847-8730 E-mail: montreal@interconti.com www.montreal.interconti.com	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard room DB or KB: \$230 	Same building as SCBD office	2-3 minutes' walk
A. FOUR-STAR HOTELS	Number of rooms	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
2. Best Western 3407 Peel Street (corner of Peel and Sherbrooke Street) Montreal Tel: +1-514-288-4141 or toll-free: +1-800-528-1234 Fax: +1-514-288-3021 www.hotelvillemarie.com	171	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single: \$129 Deluxe: \$144 Junior Suite: \$169 	20 minutes' walk	Room rates are inclusive of breakfast
3. Delta Centre Ville 777 University Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-879-1370 Fax: +1-514-879-1761 www.deltahotels.com/bg3	712	Single or double occupancy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard Delta guestroom: \$149 Club Signature guestroom: \$199 	5 minutes' walk	Access to the meeting venue through underground tunnel also available

A. FOUR STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
4. Holiday Inn Select 99 Viger Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-878-9888 Fax: +1-514-878-6341 www.ichotelsgroup.com	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single or double: \$154 	10 minutes' walk	Chinatown
5. Hôtel de la Montagne 1430 de la Montagne Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-288-5656 Toll free in North America: +1(800) 361-6262 Fax : +1-514-288-9658 www.hoteldelamontagne.com	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single: \$199 	20 minutes' walk	Government taxes not included
6. Hotel Courtyard Marriott Montreal (formerly La Citadelle) 410, Sherbrooke Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-844-8851 Fax: +1-514-844-0912 www.courtyardmontreal.com	181	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single or double occupancy: \$159 	15 minutes' walk	
7. Fairmont the Queen Elizabeth 900 Rene Levesque Blvd. West Montreal Tel: +1-514-861-3511 (ask for reservations) Global reservation Centre: 1 800 441 1414 Fax: +1-514-954-2258 E-mail: queenelizabethhotel@fairmont.com Web site: www.fairmont.com	1039	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairmont single room: \$229 Fairmont double room: \$269 	5-8 minutes' walk	The double room includes breakfast

B. FOUR STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
8. Square Phillips (Hotel & Suites) 1193 Place Phillips Montreal H3B 3C9 Tel. + 1 (514) 393 1193 Fax: + 1 (514) 393 1192 www.squarephillips.com	160	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studios: \$123 • Junior suite 1 DB: \$133 • Junior suite 1 QSB: \$148 • 1 BR suite: \$155 • 2 BR suite: \$202 	10 minutes walk	
C. THREE-STAR HOTELS	Number of rooms	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
9. La Tour Centre-Ville 400 René-Lévesque Blvd. W. Montreal Tel.: + 1 (514) 866-8861 Fax: + 1 (514) 866-7257 www.hotelcentreville.com	N/A	Studio: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single: \$99 Small suite: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single: \$109 	About 15 minutes walk	
10. Holiday Inn & Express Suites EX Hotel suites le Faubourg 155 René-Lévesque Blvd. East Montreal Tel.: +1-514-448 7100 Toll free: +1-800-398-7100 Fax: +1-514-448-7101 E-mail : info@hotelfaubourg.com www.hiemontreal.com	161	Single or double occupancy: \$109	About 10 minutes' walk	
11. Hôtel Manoir des Alpes 1245 St. André Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-845-9803 Fax: +1-514845-9886 www.hotelmanoirdesalpes.gc.ca	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rooms: \$70 	20 minutes' walk	Including breakfast

C. THREE-STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
12. Travelodge 50, René-Lévesque Blvd. West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-874-9090 Fax : +1-514-874-0907 E-mail :reserve@travellodgemontreal.ca www.travelodge.com	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single DB: \$89 • Single QB: \$99 	About 20 minutes' walk	Including continental breakfast
13. L'Appartement-in-Montréal 455 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-284-3634 Fax: +1-514-287-1431 www.appartemethotel.com	126	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studio: \$105 • 1 BR suite: \$125 • 2 BR suite: \$169 		
