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INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON ARTICLE 10 (SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY) WITH A FOCUS ON ARTICLE 10(C) (CUSTOMARY USE OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY)

Montreal, Canada, 31 May – 3 June 2011

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1. Opening and registration

The International meeting on Article 10 (Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity) with a focus on Article 10(c) (Customary Use of Biological Diversity) will be held in Montreal from Tuesday, 31 May to Friday, 3 June 2011.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 31 May 2011 and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 9:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Best Western

3407 Peel Street

(corner of Peel and Sherbrooke Street)

Montreal, Quebec

Tel: +1-514-288-4141

Toll free in North America: +1-800-361-7791

Fax: +1-514-288-3021

Reservations: sam@hotelvillemarie.com

Web site: www.hotelvillemarie.com

3. Working language

The meeting will be held in English.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site. Pre-session documents will be on the Secretariat's web site as they become available:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=8JCSU-01>

5. General information on access to Montreal



Montreal is serviced by Montreal-Trudeau International Airport (15 km from downtown). Taxis and a bus (no. 747) are available at the airport. The information on rates is as follows.

Bus / Shuttles:

Montreal-Trudeau Airport/
Downtown (several locations)
STM Express bus No. 747

One way trip

CDN \$8
(at the airport tickets are sold at the
International Currency Exchange (ICE)
counter on the international arrivals level)

Taxis:

Montreal-Trudeau /Downtown

CDN \$38 Fixed rate plus 15% tip

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below require an entry visa for Canada and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Canadian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. **Please note that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

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/information/offices/index.asp#international>.

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

7. Hotel information

A block booking has been made on behalf of all participants at the Best Western Ville Marie Hotel. Participants planning to arrive earlier for personal reasons (earlier than required for the meeting taking into account flight arrivals) should contact the hotel directly.

Sponsored participants

All sponsored participants are pre-booked at the Best Western which includes a single room, breakfast, lunch and internet access.

Non-sponsored participants

Non-sponsored participants are encouraged to confirm their reservation at the Best Western as the meeting will be held on the premises. Reservations are made by contacting Mr. Sam Ibrahim at sam@hotelvillemarie.com before 27 May 2011 as rooms will be released after that date. Kindly refer to the CBD meeting to benefit from the special rate of CDN \$185.95 plus applicable taxes for a single room including breakfast, lunch and internet access (this includes the meeting package).

Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at the following web site:

<http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/Accommodations>



8. Payment of the daily subsistence allowances (DSA)

The relevant DSA will be paid to sponsored participants on the first day of the meeting.

9. Official languages

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 June, temperatures in Montreal usually range between a maximum of +23°C in the daytime and a minimum of +11°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/056/c00634.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC -4 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 120 volts, 60 Hertz a (two-pin flat and vertical with a ground connection).



12. Currency



The currency in Canada is the Canadian Dollar (CDN \$). The current exchange rate as at 29 April 2011 is US \$1 = CDN \$0.95 and (Euro) € 1 = CDN \$1.41.

13. Disclaimer

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

Annex A – Country Listing

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

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

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

