PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

A. INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORKSHOP, VENUE, AND HOTELS

1. Venue

PALACIO DE CORREOS “Ramón J. Cárcano”
Av. L. N. Álém 339 – 4º Piso, “Salón Eva Perón”
Ciudad de Buenos Aires

2. Local contact

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3. Hotel accommodation and reservations

The Administration of Argentina has obtained special rates in different centrally located hotels. These are featured in the table on the following page, together with a map that shows the distance from each hotel to the meeting venue, indicated by an arrow.

Delegates are requested to forward a copy of their reservations, by fax, to: (+54-11-4327-9546), or the following e-mail address: (lcarranza@cnc.gov.ar), using the forms provided for this purpose.

It is important that you make your reservation as soon as possible. All reservation requests must include a credit card number. You will receive a confirmation message when the hotel has accepted your reservation. should you decide not attend the meeting, your reservation must be cancelled with 48 hours of advance notice.

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### 4. Flights and transport

Ezeiza Airport is located 40 minutes from the city and it operates all international flights. Delegates have many options for transfers from the airport to their hotel in the City of Buenos Aires.

**Taxis and private hired cars:** At the airport, you will find a wide variety of taxis and private car rental companies located at the exit of the passenger arrival lounge.
Minibuses: they are the most economical option, with services every half hour from the airport, including transfer to the main hotels in downtown area. For more information: Aeropuertos Argentina 2000 - Aeropuerto de Ezeiza Ministro Pistarini (http://www.aa2000.com.ar).

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Formalities for entry

Most delegates do not need visas to enter the Argentine Republic. However, we recommend you consult its embassy or consulate in your country.

No vaccination certificate is required for entry, except for cholera and yellow fever in the case of passengers from countries where these diseases are endemic.

2. Language

Spanish is the official language, but most people speak basic English.

3. Electricity

Argentina uses alternating current and the voltage is 220 volts. Hotels usually have 110 volt adapters.

4. Weather

Buenos Aires mild and humid weather is usually benign throughout the year; therefore, extremely cold or hot days are very unusual. The average temperature ranges from 18.4º to 26º. During this season, the average temperature is 23º.

5. Currency

The peso ($) is the official currency of Argentina, although dollars are generally accepted everywhere. Exchange into local currency can be done in banks and authorized exchange brokers. The most frequently accepted credit cards are American Express, VISA, Diners, and Master Card.

The exchange rate may fluctuate. On August 29, 2007, the exchange rate was: US$1 = $3.20
6. **Purchases. VAT refund**

At the airport, you can be reimbursed the 21% of all amounts paid, which is the Value Added Tax, if you have purchased domestic products over $70 (per invoice) at shops which belong to the “Global Refund” system.

7. **Business hours**

**Trading hours in shops:** Banks and exchange brokers: from Monday through Friday, 10.00 am to 3.00 pm. Shops: open from 9.00 am to 08.00 pm. Saturdays, from 09.00 am to 01.00 pm. Restaurants: lunch is served as from 12.30 am and dinner as from 8.30 pm. Many places serve fast food at all hours.

8. **Tips**

The usual tip is 10% of the bill in cafeterias and restaurants. Porters, bellboys, and ushers are also tipped.

9. **Useful information**

For more information on the city of Buenos Aires, we suggest you visit the following website: [http://www.gcba.gov.ar/areas/turismo/home/index.php?&lang=en](http://www.gcba.gov.ar/areas/turismo/home/index.php?&lang=en)