INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

Regional Radiocommunication Seminar

Bishkek (Kyrgyztan): 2-6 March 2015

INFORMATION NOTE

A. Meeting arrangements

1. Seminar venue

I. Razzakov Kyrgyz State Technical University

Address: Bishkek, pr. Mira 66.

2. Contacts

For any questions concerning the seminar please contact:

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3. Hotel accommodation

Seminar participants may stay in the following hotels:

1. Hotel Ak-keme, pr. Mira 93. Price: single room 6 200 Som (this includes VAT, breakfast, satellite TV, high-speed Internet).

Tel: +996 (312) 540143 +996 (312) 540152

Fax: +996 (312) 542365 +996 (312) 542408

Email: reception@akkemehotel.com; marketing@akkemehotel.com;

www.akkemehotel.com

2. Hotel El Dorado, ul. Dzhunusalieva 184. Price: single room 4 400 Som (this includes VAT, breakfast, satellite TV, high-speed Internet).

<u>Tel: +996</u> (312) 54 21 48. Fax: +996 (312) 54 10 2 Email: <u>Eldorado@on.kg</u>

3. Hotel "Belye Nochi", ul. Akhunbaeva, 96/1. Price: single room 1 500 som (includes VAT). Tel: +996 (312) 547462; +996 (312) 547457

The hotels are a 15 minute walk from the seminar venue.

4. Transport

The main international airport in Bishkek is Manas Airport, located 23 km north-west of the city in Chujsk Region. The following options are available for getting from Manas Airport to Bishkek:

- Taxi: the taxi rank at Manas Airport is 100 metres from the arrivals area exit. The normal tariff for the journey to Bishkek centre is 300 som, although this varies according to the time of day and year (more expensive at night and in the summer). Journey time to Bishkek centre is about 25 minutes.
- **Public transport**: The fixed-route taxi service no. 380 departs from the "Aeroport" bus stop every half an hour (the terminus is "Bejshenalievoi", where it is possible to change to most of the other bus routes). The journey costs 50 Som and the journey time is 40 minutes.

Further information can be obtained at www.airport.kg.

B. General information

1. Visa

Citizens from the following countries do not require a visa to visit the Kyrgyz Republic:

- Armenia
- Australia (up to 60 days)
- Austria (up to 60 days)
- Azerbaijan
- Bahrain (up to 60 days)

- Belarus
- Belgium (up to 60 days)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (up to 60 days)
- Brunei-Darussalam (up to 60 days)
- Canada (up to 60 days)
- Croatia (up to 60 days)
- Cuba
- Czech Republic (up to 60 days)
- Denmark (up to 60 days)
- DPRK
- Estonia (up to 60 days)
- Finland (up to 60 days)
- Georgia (up to 60 days)
- Germany (up to 60 days)
- Greece (up to 60 days)
- Hungary (up to 60 days)
- Iceland (up to 60 days)
- Ireland (up to 60 days)
- Italy (up to 60 days)
- Kazakhstan
- Kuwait (up to 60 days)
- Latvia (up to 60 days)
- Liechtenstein (up to 60 days)
- Lithuania (up to 60 days)
- Luxembourg (up to 60 days)
- Malaysia (up to 30 days)
- Malta (up to 60 days)
- Moldova
- Monaco (up to 60 days)
- Mongolia (up to 90 days)
- New Zealand (up to 60 days)
- Norway (up to 60 days)
- Poland (up to 60 days)
- Portugal (up to 60 days)
- Qatar (up to 60 days)
- Republic of Korea (up to 60 days)
- Russian Federation
- Saudi Arabia (up to 60 days)
- Singapore (up to 60 days)
- Slovak Republic (up to 60 days)

- Slovenia (up to 60 days)
- Spain (up to 60 days)
- Sweden (up to 60 days)
- Switzerland (up to 60 days)
- Tajikistan
- The Netherlands (up to 60 days)
- Turkey (up to 30 days)
- UAE (up to 60 days)
- Ukraine (up to 90 days)
- United Kingdom (up to 60 days)
- United States (up to 60 days)
- Uzbekistan (up to 60 days)
- Vatican (up to 60 days)
- Viet Nam (up to 60 days)

Citizens from countries other than those listed above require a visa to enter the Kyrgyz Republic. For a number of countries there is a simplified visa procedure. Nationals of from certain countries who are in possession of diplomatic or other official passports do not require a visa. More information is available on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic http://www.mfa.kg.

2. Vaccinations

A vaccination certificate is not required for entry into the country.

3. Working languages

The seminar working languages will be Russian and English.

4. Metric system

Kyrgyzstan uses the international metric system.

5. Road traffic

Vehicles in Kyrgyzstan drive on the right.

6. Electrical appliances

The mains voltage in Kyrgyzstan is 220 V/50 Hz.

7. Climate

Bishkek has an extreme continental climate. Average daytime temperature in March: 7°C, average night time temperature -8°C.

8. Currency

The national unit of currency in the Kyrgyz Republic is the Som. Credit cards are accepted in banks, large hotels and shops.

As at 13 October 2014 the following official currency exchange rates applied:

USD 1 = 57.5916 Som

1 euro = 71.6670 Som.

The current exchange rate can be found at www.nbkr.kg.

Banks are open from 09.00 to 17.00 Monday to Saturday. All banks offer currency exchange services, as do the many currency exchange kiosks, some of which are open 24/24.

9. VAT

VAT in Kyrgyzstan is 12 per cent.

10. Opening hours

Banks and currency exchange kiosks: Monday to Friday, 09.00 to 17.00.

Offices: Monday to Friday, 09.00 to 18.00, Saturday 10.00 to 16.00.

Shops and businesses: in larger towns, Monday to Friday 09.00 to 20.00 (lunch hour 12.00 to 13.00), Saturday 10.00 to 16.00.

Cafés, confectionary shops, pizzerias: almost always open.

Restaurants: Lunch is served from 12.00 and dinner from 17.00. Many fast-food outlets are open round the clock.

11. Tipping

Normally 10 per cent in cafés and restaurants.

12. More information

Further information on Bishkek and Kyrgyzstan can be found on the site http://www.centralasia-travel.com.