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FIRST INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW MEETING ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL PROGRAMME OF
ACTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE
ENVIRONMENT FROM LAND-BASED ACTIVITIES

First meeting
Montreal, Canada, 26 – 30 November 2001

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The First Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities will be held from Monday 26 November to Friday 30 November 2001. The official opening will be at 10 a.m. on 26 November 2001. Registration will take place on Sunday 25 November 2001 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the meeting venue, and will continue from 8 a.m. on Monday 26 November 2001. **Delegates are kindly requested to pre-register by 26 October, in order to facilitate the registration process (see Annex II).**

Venue:

The meeting will be held on the premises of the **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)** located in downtown Montreal:

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
999 University Street (corner of Avenue Viger)
Montreal, Province of Quebec, H3C 5H7
Canada
Telephone: (514) 954-8219
Fax: (514) 954-6402

Access through metro, line 2 - Orange, station Square-Victoria

Access to Montreal:

Montreal is serviced by Dorval Airport (15 km from downtown). Taxis are available at the

airport. The shuttle-bus service, Gray Line, is well signposted at the airport. The shuttle leaves the airport every 30 minutes and the trip to the city centre takes approximately 30 minutes.

Estimated Fares:

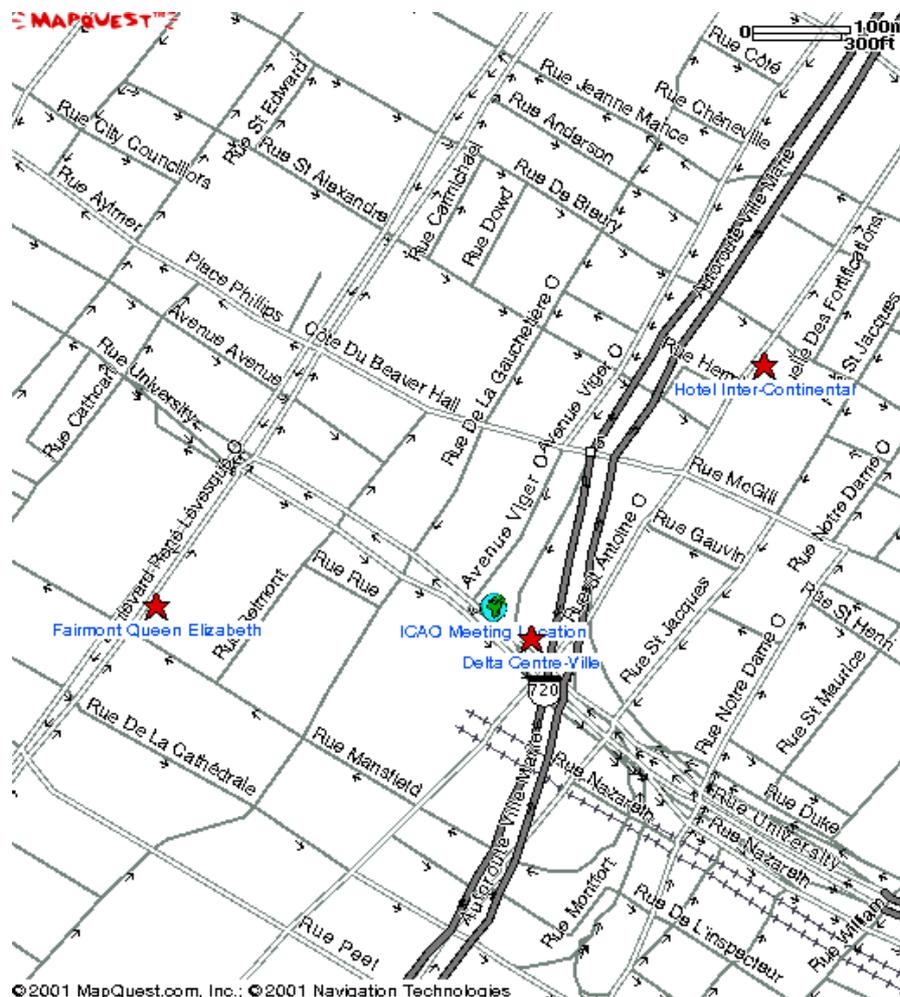
Bus / Shuttles:	One way trip	Round trip
Dorval / Downtown	\$11.00 CAD	\$19.75 CAD
Taxis:		
Dorval / Downtown	\$28.00 CAD Fixed-rate	N.A.

Accommodation in Montreal:

Block bookings, at special meeting rates, have been made with 3 hotels within walking distance of the IGR meeting facilities for the GPA IGR participants. The Hotel Registration Form (Annex I) should be duly completed and sent to Tourism Montreal, as indicated on the form, as soon as possible. As November is a very busy time for hotels in Montreal, the block bookings and special rates are only guaranteed if booked by **26 October 2001**.

Please visit the GPA IGR site at <http://www.gpa.unep.org/igr/participants.htm> for links to the hotels and to download additional Hotel Registration Forms.

Location of ICAO Facilities and Official Meeting Hotels



Time Zone:

Montreal is GMT less 5 hours.

Weather:

Temperature in late November in Montreal can range from cool to cold (+ 4°C to -3°C averages). It can be rainy and cloudy, but there is a low probability of snowfall. Warm clothing recommended!

Voltage:

110 volts, 60 Hertz.

Pre-Registration:

A pre-registration form is attached (Annex II). To help facilitate the GPA Coordination Office to prepare for the meeting, delegates are asked to complete the pre-registration form and to specify which of the six official languages of the United Nations is/are preferred. The pre-registration form should be returned duly filled to the GPA Coordination Office by **26 October 2001**. Additional pre-registration forms can be downloaded from <http://www.gpa.unep.org/igr/participants.htm>.

Visas / Customs:

Please find attached (Annex III) a list of countries with visa requirements and visa exemptions (as provided by the Government of Canada, on the Web-site of the Citizenship and Immigration Canada at <http://www.cic.gc.ca>). Information on customs regulations can be found at <http://www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/customs>.

In order to reduce possibility of delays, delegates are advised to ensure that they can produce a copy of the official acceptance letter to attend the IGR, if necessary. The name on the airline ticket and other travel documents, should also match the name in the passport, and visa, if applicable.

Services to Delegates:

The Business Centre will provide services to delegates on a commercial basis. Services available include: photocopying, cyber café for delegates, telephone and fax, and an on-site travel agency.

Meeting Documents:

The documents for the meeting will be dispatched to confirmed attendees by 8 October 2001. The documents will also be accessible on the GPA Clearing-House at

<http://www.gpa.unep.org/igr/prepatorydocs.htm>. Delegates are kindly reminded to bring along their documentation, as this will only be available at the meeting facilities in limited quantities for reasons of economy.

Credit Cards and Banking:

Credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in Montreal. There are major banks very close to the ICAO building and ATM machines are also nearby for cash withdrawals. Note that the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar (CAD) is subject to change: indicative rate is \$1.00 US = approx \$1.57 CAD (\$1.00 CAD = approx \$0.66 US).

Attached: Annex I: Hotel Reservation Form
 Annex II: Pre-Registration Form
 Annex III: List of Countries with Visa Requirements and Visa Exemptions (as provided by the Government of Canada, on the website of the Canadian Department of Immigration at <http://www.cic.gc.ca>).

ANNEX I

Hotel Reservation Form

**The First Intergovernmental Review Meeting On Implementation Of The Global Programme of Action
for the Protection Of The Marine Environment From Land-based Activities
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This form MUST be returned to:

TOURISM MONTREAL HOUSING BUREAU
1555 Peel St, Suite 600, Montreal, QC, Canada H3A 3L8
Fax: (514) 844-6771 • Phone: (514) 844-0848
E-Mail: reservation@tourisme-montreal.org For information on Montreal, visit: www.tourism-montreal.org

Deadline for Meeting Rates: 26 October 2001 for receipt of Hotel Reservation Form duly completed

Special meeting rates have been negotiated with the hotels listed below. Tourism Montreal will endeavor to accommodate your preference. Rooms are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis according to availability at the time of booking. All prices are in Canadian funds, for single or double occupancy excluding all applicable taxes. Breakfast is not included.

FIRST NAME: _____	LAST NAME _____
Organization / Full Mailing Address: _____	

Fax Number: _____	Phone: _____
E-Mail Address: _____	
Arrival date (dd/mm/yy) _____	Departure date (dd/mm/yy) _____

Please list your top two choices by indicating 1 or 2 besides the hotels selected.

- Fairmont Hotel** \$119 CAD / per night (formerly Queen Elizabeth Hotel)
 Delta Hotel Centre-Ville \$139 CAD / per night
 Inter-Continental Hotel \$152 CAD / per night

Indicate Preferences: Single bed **OR** Double bed / Smoking **OR** Non-Smoking

NOTE – Taxes at time of printing: \$2 CAD per room, per night plus 15% provincial & federal taxes (may be refunded in part)

If sharing a room, indicate name of person: _____

List any special requirements: _____

ANY CHANGES TO YOUR HOTEL RESERVATION MUST BE MADE THROUGH TOURISM MONTRÉAL

Cancellation Policy: Individual cancellation of your hotel reservation must be received by Tourism Montreal in writing, at least 72 hours before scheduled arrival, after which time there may not be a refund issued on the deposit. Confirmation of your room reservation will be sent directly to you by the hotel. Deadline for hotel reservations is 26 October 2001. After this date, rooms will be released for resale to the general public and delegates' reservations will be accepted on a first-come basis, depending on availability and may be at a regular rate.

PAYMENT INFORMATION In order to guarantee your reservation until midnight on the day of your arrival, you must provide a credit card number and signature. No reservation will be accepted without this information. Should you be unable to provide a credit card number, Tourism Montréal must receive a Bank Draft, Money Order or Certified Cheque IN CANADIAN CURRENCY by **26 October 2001 at the latest (see instructions below)**.

Payment by credit card (circle one) American Express MasterCard VISA

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

I authorize the amount of \$ CAD _____ (equal to one night deposit at your preferred hotel) to be charged to my credit card

Cardholder Name: _____ Signature: _____

Bank Draft, Money Order or Certified Cheque: Drawn in CAD currency in the amount equivalent to one night stay, made payable to "GPA Housing" and sent to Tourism Montreal at the address indicated at the top of this sheet.

ANNEX III

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER CANADA AS VISITORS

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a Visa to **VISIT** or **TRANSIT** Canada:

A

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Angola
Argentina
Armenia
Azerbaijan

B

Bahrain
Bangladesh
Belarus
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burkina-Faso
Burundi

C

Cambodia
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China, People's Republic
Colombia
Comoros
Congo (The), Democratic Republic of
Congo (The), People's Republic of
Croatia
Cuba
Czech Republic

D

Djibouti
Dominican Republic

M

Macau S.A.R.
Macedonia (*former Yugoslav Republic of*)
Malagasy Republic
Malawi
Maldives
Mali
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Micronesia, Federated States
Moldova
Mongolia
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar (Burma)

N

Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria

O

Oman

P

Pakistan
Palau, Republic of
Palestinian Authority
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland

Q

Qatar

R

Romania
Russia
Rwanda

E

East Timor
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Estonia
Ethiopia

F

Fiji

G

Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana

H

Haiti
Honduras

I

India
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq
Israel (*only Israeli citizens holding valid Israeli orange
"Travel Document in Lieu of National Passport"*)
Ivory Coast

J

Jamaica
Jordan

K

Kazakhstan
Kenya
Korea, North
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan

L

Lao, People's Democratic Republic
Latvia
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Lithuania

S

Sao Tome e Principe
Senegal
Seychelles, The
Sierra Leone
Slovak Republic
Somalia
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Surinam
Syria

T

Tadjikistan
Taiwan
Tanzania
Thailand
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan

U

Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uruguay
Uzbekistan

V

Venezuela
Vietnam

Y

Yemen
Yugoslavia

Z

Zambia

VISITOR VISA EXEMPTIONS

Many people do not require a visa to visit Canada. These include:

- citizens of Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Barbados, Belgium, Botswana, Brunei, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel (National Passport holders only), Italy, Japan, Kiribati, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Namibia, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Portugal, Republic of Korea, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Slovenia, Switzerland, Tuvalu, United States, Vanuatu, Western Samoa and Zimbabwe;
- persons lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence who are in possession of their alien registration card (Green card) or can provide other evidence of permanent residence.
- British citizens and British Overseas Citizens who are re-admissible to the United Kingdom;
- citizens of British dependent territories who derive their citizenship through birth, descent, registration or naturalization in one of the British dependent territories of Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn, St. Helena or the Turks and Caicos Islands;
- persons holding a valid and subsisting Special Administrative Region passport issued by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China;
- persons holding passports or travel documents issued by the Holy See.

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