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Sofia, Bulgaria, 21-23 June 2006

INFORMATION NOTICE No. 2

LOCAL INFORMATION

1. This information notice provides information concerning the accommodation possibilities in Sofia as well as travel information. Please note the deadlines with regard to some hotel reservations (in para. 3).

MEETING VENUE

2. The meeting will take place at the Central Army Club, 7 Tzar Osvooboditel Blvd., 1000 Sofia. This conference facility is located in the centre of Sofia and is within a 10-30 minute walking distance from the suggested hotels.

ACCOMMODATION

3. The Bulgarian National Statistical Institute (BNSI) has made a preliminary reservation of single rooms in Hotel Serdika for the MSIS meeting and has negotiated a special rate for the rooms. This reservation is valid **until 30 April 2006**. Please note that you should **book the hotel yourself**. BNSI has only made a preliminary reservation. If you book at the Hotel Serdika please **inform** the hotel reservation desk that the booking is for the rooms **reserved by the Bulgarian National Statistical Institute for the MSIS meeting**. When you complete the registration form, kindly indicate in Section 12 "Special Requirements" the hotel you intend to stay at.

4. BNSI has indicated some other hotels along with their contact information (see list below). Additional information regarding hotel accommodation can be found at www.sofiahotels.net

Hotel Accommodation

	Selected hotels	Prices of Single Room (EUROS)	Prices of Double Room (EUROS)
Town center:	SERDIKA (recommended)	45	62
	CITY Hotel	80	108
	Downtown	120	140
	Radisson SAS	234 (156 weekend)	252 (176 weekend)
	Diter	65	75

Hotel contacts

<i>SERDIKA</i>	<i>CITY Hotel</i>	<i>Downtown</i>	<i>Radisson SAS</i>	<i>DITER hotel</i>
2, Yanko Sakazov Blvd 1504 Sofia Tel.: +359291936 Fax: +3592 94436 19 email: hotel@serdikahotel.com www.serdikahotel.com	6, Stara Planina Str. Sofia, Bulgaria Tel.: +3592 9151500 Fax.: +3592 9862000 email: EXPO office@sofiacityhotel.com www.sofiacityhotel.com	27, Vassil Levski Blvd. 1040 Sofia, Bulgaria Phone: + 359 2/930 5200, 930 5472, 489 4200 Fax: + 359 2 / 930 5300 E-mail: hotel@hotel-downtown.net www.hotel-downtown.net	4, Narodno Sabranie Sq. 1000, Sofia Phone: +3592 933 4334 Fax: +3592 933 4335 Email: info.sofia@radisson.com www. sofia.radissonsas.com	65, Han Asparuh St., Sofia, Bulgaria tel. +359 2 98 98 998 fax +359 2 98 98 998 hotel@diterhotel.com restaurant@diterhotel.com reservation@diterhotel.com www.diterhotel.com

TRANSPORTATION

5. There is taxi service between the airport and the centre of Sofia and the cost is approximately 4 EUROS in one direction. There is also a public bus with tickets at 0,25 EURO.

CURRENCY

6. The national currency is the Bulgarian Lev (BGN). Bank notes of the following denominations are in circulation: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 leva. 1 EURO = 1,95 leva. There are several good exchange offices located near the Hotel Serdika.

USEFUL INTERNET SITES

7. A map of the centre of Sofia is attached to this Information Notice. Hotel Serdika is near the Alexander Nevsky cathedral and the Monument of Levski – places visible on the map. You may also consult maps of Sofia on the following web pages.

<http://www.sofiacityguide.com/sofiemap.php>;

<http://www.sofiahotels.net/map.shtml>;

http://www.bgmaps.com/map.asp?sid=4ca3b9e33ef36b7a930797135d99540d&city=sofia&str=&num=&grid=m5k&maxnearest=5&nType=23&oName=&oType=9&Map50_52.x=6&Map50_52.y=198;

Further information about Bulgaria is available on the website of the Bulgarian Travel Authority:
www.bulgariatravel.org

VISAS

8. No entry visas are required for participants of most of the EU countries. However, please check with the Web page of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria <http://www.mfa.government.bg> and contact the nearest Embassy of Bulgaria for further information.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

9. Participants wishing to bring their laptops should also bring power adapters for European standard plugs.

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