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 COMMISSION ÉCONOMIQUE ЕВРОПЕЙСКАЯ ЭКОНОМИЧЕСКАЯ ECONOMIC COMMISSION

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**LOGISTICAL INFORMATION SHEET**

**Meeting Venue**

International Environment House 2 (MIE 2)

7-9 Chemin de Balexert

1219 Châtelaine

For those of you already familiar with our offices in the International Environment House 1, please note that the meeting will take place in a different building. Information signs will be posted in the main building for the duration of the meeting.

**Transport to the Venue**

From the main train station (Cornavin):

**By Public Transport:**

On leaving Geneva’s Central Train Station (Gare Cornavin), turn to the right and walk to the end of the square, where you will reach a busy junction. Turn to your right again to find the bus stop ‘22‐Cantons’ under the railway bridge from which you can take bus 19 or 6 (Direction: Vernier) to the International Environment House, getting off at the stop ‘Châtelaine‐Ecole’. This journey takes between 15‐20 minutes.

The timetable for public transport is available : http://www.chem.unep.ch/chemicals/location.htm

**By taxi:**

Taxis are readily available for visitors travelling to the International Environment House from Geneva Cointrin Airport, the Cornavin train station or the city centre.

**Registration and Security**

Meeting participants are not required to present themselves to security in MIE 1. Meeting registration, including collection of meeting packs and name tags, will be conducted from 9.00‐9.30 am on the first day of the meeting in the lobby of the MIE 2.

**Visa/Travel Arrangements**

If you need our assistance in obtaining a visa for Switzerland or have a query concerning your travel arrangements, please contact Ms. Alina Kulish (Tel: +41 22 917 32 40/email: alina.kulish@unece.org ).

**Hotels**

While meeting participants are obliged to make their own hotel arrangements, UNECE has compiled a list of hotels for your consideration. The hotels are listed in two groups: those near the city centre (approximately 15 minutes by bus from the meeting venue) and those within easy walking distance of the meeting venue.

**City Centre Hotels**

**Hôtel des Alpes**

Rue des Alpes 14

CH‐1201 Genève

Tel: +41 (0)22 731 22 00

Fax: +41 (0)22 731 16 89

Email : hotel.alpes@bluewin.ch

http://www.hotelalpes.ch

**Hôtel Bernina**

Place de Cornavin 12

CH‐1211 Genève

Tel: +41 (0)22 908 4950

Fax: +41 (0)22 908 4951

http://www.bernina‐geneve.ch

**Hôtel Montana**

23, Rue des Alpes

CH‐1201 Genève

Tel: +41 (0)22 732 08 40

Fax: +41 (0)22 738 25 11

info@hotel‐montana‐ge.ch

http://www.hotel‐montana‐ge.ch/

**Hôtel Admiral**

8 Rue Pellegrino Rossi

CH‐1201 Geneva

Telephone: +41 (0)22 906 97 00 2

Fax: +41 (0)22 906 97 01

info@hoteladmiral.ch

http://www.hoteladmiral.ch/

**Hôtel Suisse**

Place de Cornavin 10

CH‐1201 Genève

Tel: +41 (0)22 732 66 30

Fax: +41 (0)22 732 62 39

http://www.hotel‐suisse.ch/

**Close to the Meeting Venue**

**Hotel Etap**

Avenue Louis Casaï 30 COINTRIN 1216 GENEVE SWITZERLAND

Tel:(+41)22/7104636 Fax : (+41)22/7104610

**http://www.etaphotel.com/gb/hotel‐5653‐etap‐hotel‐etap‐hotel‐geneve/index.shtml**

**SuiteHotel**

Avenue Louis Casaï 30 COINTRIN 1216 GENEVE, SWITZERLAND Hotel code : 5654

**Tel :** (+41)22/7104646

**Fax :** (+41)22/7104600

E‐mail : h5654@accor.com

You can consult the website of the Geneva Tourism and Conference Bureau for more hotels in Geneva: <http://www.geneve‐tourisme.ch/>

**Transport from the Airport to the City Centre**

**Free travel ticket for the Geneva transport system !**

Before you exit the baggage claim hall, look to the left or right of the exit for a fluorescent yellow sign with 'TPG Free Ticket' written on it over a ticket machine. Take a ticket for each person. This will give you 80mins of free travel on the TPG network. For the rest of your stay, please enquire with your hotel reception for a TPG travel ticket. If these are not available at your hotel, you can purchase tickets at the machines located at the bus and tram stops. The cost is 3CHF(or 2euros) for 60minutes of travel. Ticket machines **do not** give change but surplus payments can be reclaimed at the TPG office at the central train station, Gare Cornavin, on presentation of the overpaid ticket.

**By train from the airport to the city centre**: Every 15‐20 minutes, a train service will take you to Geneva’s central station (Gare Cornavin) in just 5 minutes. From the airport arrival hall, follow the signs “Gare CFF” (train station). Ticket machines and ticket booths are located in the main hall of the 3 station. The free travel ticket is also valid on the train to Geneva’s central station, as are the ordinary bus tickets. Trains depart from the underground platforms.

**By bus from the airport to the city centre**: Bus number 10 goes from the airport to the central train station approximately every 10 minutes. It departs just outside the airport at the level of the departure hall and the journey lasts 20 minutes. You must obtain a bus ticket before getting on the bus. Tickets must be purchased at the ticket machines located at every bus stop. You will need exact change as the machines do not return change. Get off at bus stop “22 Cantons”.

**By taxi from the airport to the city centre**: The airport is 15 minutes from the City Centre away by taxi. Fare is 30‐35 CHF.

For a map of Geneva, please see http://geneva.angloinfo.com/maps/

For more information on the Geneva public transport system, please see www.tpg.ch.

**Other useful information**

**Foreign exchange:** The currency used in Geneva is the Swiss Franc (CHF). The American Express foreign exchange office located at the departure level of Geneva airport is open every day from 6.00 to 21.00. Tel. +41 (0)22 717 86 99 or fes.geneva.airport@aexp.com. There are also numerous foreign exchange offices located throughout the Paquis/station area close to Hôtel des Alpes. Opening times vary.

**Meals:**

For lunch, there is a cafeteria on the premises at the International Environment House 1. There are also Thai and Italian restaurants in the locality. Please ask the meeting organisers for information and directions if you are interested in trying these out.

Below is a selection of restaurants for evening meals based in the city centre, priced between 20‐40CHF per head, on average:

*Chalet Valaisanne/Chalet Suisse – Swiss Food*

http://www.chaletswiss.ch/

*Bains de Pâquis – Swiss (Fondue only)*

A real Geneva experience But be warned that this restaurant serves only fondue in the evening time.

http://www.bains‐des‐paquis.ch/

*Chez ma Cousine – Chicken restaurant*

There are 3 ‘Chez ma Cousine’ restaurants located around Geneva. The Petit‐Saconnex branch is closest to the meeting venue. The other two branches are located close to the central train station (St Gervais) and in the Old Town (Place du Bourg de Four).

http://www.chezmacousine.ch/

*Le Comptoir – Asian/Fusion*

http://www.lecomptoirdesign.com/main\_08\_2.html

**Information about Geneva:**

For useful information about Geneva, please see http://www.geneve‐tourisme.ch/.

**Contacts**

If you have a question on the day of the conference, please contact:

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