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FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC OPEN-ENDED INTER-SESSIONAL  
WORKING GROUP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 8 (j)  
Seville, Spain  
27 to 31 March 2000

**Information for Participants**

The first meeting of the *Ad hoc* Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group on the Implementation of Article 8(j) and related provisions will be held in Seville, Spain from Monday, 27 March to Friday, 31 March 2000. The meeting shall be held at the Hotel Melià Sevilla.

Venue: Melià Sevilla Hotel  
Doctor Pedro de Castro  
1.41004 Sevilla  
Tel.: (95-442) 26-11  
Fax: (95-442) 16-08  
E-mail: melia.sevilla@solmelia.es

Registration

Registration will commence on Sunday, 26 March 2000 at 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. and will continue on Monday, 27 March 2000 at 8:00 a.m. Participants are reminded that they should wear their name badges at all times during the meeting.

Documents

The pre-session documents for the meeting have already been dispatched to the National Focal Points. The documents are also accessible at the Secretariat's web page at [www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org). Delegates are kindly reminded to bring their documents as they will only be available in Seville in limited quantities for reasons of economy.

### Access to Seville

The international airport in Seville is San Pablo Airport. There are no departure fees.

### General Information

Seville, the Andalusian capital, is Spain's third largest city. It is located in the southwest of the Iberian Peninsula and enjoys a Mediterranean climate. Seville is among the most beloved places by tourists, thanks to its unique ambience and its great monuments. It is from a port near Seville that Christopher Columbus took off on his journey to discover the new world. Seville is also the very heart of Andalusian culture, the centre of bullfighting and Flamenco music.

### Hotel Information

March is a high season in Seville. Therefore, it is **highly recommended** to arrange for your hotel bookings as soon as possible, but no later than **20 February 2000**. For your convenience please find attached herewith a Hotel Reservation Form. Delegates are responsible to make their own hotel accommodation arrangements. Please find attached a list of hotels provided by the Government of Spain (Annex I).

The Government of Spain has graciously arranged for special shuttles to take delegates from the airport to hotels on 26 and 27 March 2000 upon their arrival and on 31 March and 1 April 2000 upon departure.

Taxis are readily available at the airport and the average fare between the airport and the hotel district ranges between ESP 1,500 –2,000 (approximately USD 10 - 12). During the meeting, there will be no shuttle service between the different hotels and the venue of the meeting. However, public transportation and taxis are easily accessible.

### Currency

The official currency of the Kingdom of Spain is the Peseta (ESP). The current exchange rate vis-à-vis the US dollar stands at approximately ESP 165 for one US dollar. Numerous automatic teller machines (ATM) are available.

### Credit Cards

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in the city. It should be noted, however, that the Diner's Club credit card is rarely used.

### Time Zone

Spain is GMT + 0100 hour.

### Weather

The weather in Seville is always sunny. The temperature in March ranges between 15 and 25 degrees centigrade.

### Electricity

220 Volts, 50 Hertz

### Telecommunications

Direct dial telephone and fax services are available. Telephone credit cards of the major companies may be used through the appropriate operator: e.g. AT&T, MCI, Sprint, and Bell Canada.

### Visas

Please find attached a list of countries whose nationals do not require a visa for Spain (Annex II).

### Official Language

The official language of the Kingdom of Spain is Spanish, but English is understood in hotels and restaurants.

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ARTICLE 8(J) AND RELATED PROVISIONS  
SEVILLE, SPAIN, 27-31 MARCH 2000**

Pre-Registration Form (Please print)

Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Amb. / Dr. / Prof.

FAMILY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Representing:

GOVERNMENT : \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry/department/agency : \_\_\_\_\_

Official Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone : + (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax : + (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Telex : + (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL : \_\_\_\_\_

URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return duly filled by 10 March 2000 to :**

Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity  
World Trade Center  
393 Saint-Jacques St., Suite 300  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
H2Y 1N9  
Fax : + 1 (514) 288-6588  
E-mail: [secretariat@biodiv.org](mailto:secretariat@biodiv.org)  
URL: <http://www.biodiv.org>

ANNEX 1

**HOTEL MELIÁ SEVILLA**

Doctor Pedro de Castro, 1- 41004 Sevilla

Tel.: 95 442 26 11

Fax: 95 442 16 08

melia.sevilla@solmelia.es

4 stars

(Hotel where the meeting will take place)

The hotel Meliá Sevilla, in the heart of the city centre, is situated just a few minutes from the airport and next to Santa Justa railway station. A high standard establishment where you can work in comfortable surroundings in the company of the excellent service.

We have reserved 175 fully equipped rooms, with direct dial phone, air-conditioning, interactive satellite TV, Canal Plus, modem connection, safe boxes, choice of pillows, mini-bar and 24 hour room service.

The finest cuisine awaits you in the Meliá Sevilla. The bar-cafeteria provides the ideal setting for those who prefer a lighter meal.

*Limit date for reservation: 20<sup>th</sup> of february*

|               | Nº of rooms | Price doble room (pesetas) | Price individual room (pesetas) | VAT | Breakfast |
|---------------|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Meliá Sevilla | 175         | 18.400                     | 16.800                          | 7%  | incluido  |

## HOTEL NH VIAPOL

Balbino Marrón, s/n - 41018 Sevilla

Tel: 95 464 52 54

Fax: 95 464 66 68

nhviapol@nhhoteles.es

4 stars

This hotel is located next to Meliá Sevilla Hotel (the place where the meeting will take place).

### Services:

- Direct phone line, Colour TV, Pay per view films and video games
- Canal Plus
- Mini-bar
- Air conditioning
- Free toiletry products
- Hair-dryers in rooms
- Buffet breakfast
- Room service
- Restaurant (Mediterranean cuisine), Bar
- Facilities for disabled people
- Public car park
- Laundry service
- Cloakroom service
- Open air swimming pool and solarium

*Just three minutes walking from this hotel to Meliá Sevilla (hotel where the meeting will take place)*

*Limit date for reservation: 20<sup>th</sup> of February.*

|           | N° of rooms | Price doble room<br>(pesetas) | Price individual room<br>(pesetas) | VAT | Breakfast |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| NH Viapol | 70          | 14.900                        | 14.900                             | 7%  | 1.500     |

## HOTEL MONTE TRIANA

Clara de Jesús Montero, 24- 41010 Sevilla

Tel: 95 434 31 11

Fax: 95 433 89 07

[htmventas@cli.ccs.es](mailto:htmventas@cli.ccs.es)

3 stars

The hotel is located in the popular Triana Quarter, only a ten minutes walk from the historical and comercial centre of Seville.

Services and facilities:

- Elegant lounge with background music
- Snack bar
- Room service
- Underground car park
- Telefax service
- Laundry service
- Free safe-deposit boxes

We have reserved 40 rooms, most of them looking out on a typical andalusian patio. All rooms have air conditioning, central heating, fully-equipped bathrooms, satellite TV, direct line telephone and minibar.

*To arrive Meliá Sevilla (the place where the meeting will take place) by public transport: bus number 5 (between 20-30 minutes aprox.)*

*Limit date for reservation: 20<sup>th</sup> february.*

|              | N° of rooms | Price double room (pesetas) | Price individual room (pesetas) | VAT | Breakfast |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Monte Triana | 40          | 13.700                      | 11.000                          | 7%  | 900       |

## HOTEL NH PLAZA DE ARMAS

Marqués de Paradas, s/n- 41001 Sevilla

Tel: 95 490 19 92

Fax: 95 490 18 32

[www.nh-hoteles.es](http://www.nh-hoteles.es)

3 stars

A three-star hotel in the centre of the city, next to the old Cordoba railway station and very near the cathedral, the Giralda and the Bellas Artes Museum, as well as the new train station (Santa Justa: AVE Madrid-Seville).

The hotel is newly built, its modern design and decor making it a first choice for business trips in Seville.

We have reserved in Hotel NH Plaza de Armas 100 rooms, with all the details which make the difference in NH hoteles: air conditioning, colour satellite TV, Canal +, mini-bar, directo phone line, bath products and hair-dryer.

*To arrive Meliá Sevilla (place where the meeting will take place) by public transport: bus number C3 (aprox. 15 minutes).*

*Limit date for reservation: 20<sup>th</sup> of february.*

|                   | Nº of rooms | Price double room<br>(pesetas) | Price individual room<br>(pesetas) | VAT | Breakfast |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| NH Plaza de Armas | 100         | 14.000                         | 14.000                             | 7%  | 1.500     |



## HOTEL MONTE CARMELO

Turia, 7- 41011 Sevilla

Tel: 95 427 90 00

Fax: 95 427 10 04

[hotelmca@cli.ccs.es](mailto:hotelmca@cli.ccs.es)

3 stars

This hotel is located in a comercial area, in Remedios Quarter, just 5 minutes walking from the historical centre of Seville.

We have reserved 20 rooms, most of them facing outside. All rooms have air conditioning, central heating, fully-equipped bathrooms, satellite TV, direct line telephone, safe-deposit boxes and minibar.

Service and facilities:

- Elegant lounge
- Snack bar
- Room service 24 hours
- Underground car-park
- Telefax service
- Laundry service
- Free safety boxes
- Minibar

*To arrive Meliá Sevilla (place where the meeting will take place) by public transport: bus number 5 (10 minutes aprox.)*

*Walking: 20 minutes*

*Limit date for reservation: 20<sup>th</sup> of february*

|              | Nº of rooms | Price double room<br>(pesetas) | Price individual room<br>(pesetas) | VAT | Breakfast |
|--------------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Montecarmelo | 20          | 13.700                         | 11.000                             | 7%  | 900       |

## HOTEL BECQUER

Reyes Católicos, 4-41001 Sevilla

Tel: 95 422 89 00

Fax: 95 421 44 00

[hbecquer@arrakis.es](mailto:hbecquer@arrakis.es)

4 stars

Central location, within a 10 minute walking distance you find: the Giralda, the Cathedral, the Reales Alcazares, the Santa Cruz quarter, Triana, the Gold Tower and the Fine Arts Museum.

We have reserved 20 air-conditioned rooms with complete bathrooms, direct dial telephone, color satellite TV, free safety boxes and laundry service.

Service and facilities:

- Private garage
- Bar-cafeteria
- Breakfast buffet
- High quality and personal service

*To arrive Meliá Sevilla (place where the meeting will take place) by public transport: bus number 30-33 (15 minutes aprox.)*

*Limit date for reservation: 20<sup>th</sup> of february*

|         | Nº of rooms | Price double room<br>(pesetas) | Price individual room<br>(pesetas) | VAT | Breakfast |
|---------|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Becquer | 20          | 15.000                         | 13.000                             | 7%  | 1.300     |

## HOTEL CORREGIDOR

Morgado, 17-41003 Sevilla

Tel: 95 438 51 11

Fax: 95 438 42 38

<http://sol.com/hotelcorregidor>

3 stars

Hotel Corregidor, a typical andalusian architected hotel, is located in the center of Seville and a few minutes from the most important stores and touristical monuments of Seville. There are parking facilities at 200 metres from the hotel. We have reserved in this hotel 21 rooms with private bathrooms, telephone, TV and airconditioning. English bar. Hall with coloured TV room service.

In our opinion this hotel offers the lowest standard service of all the hotels selected.

*To arrive Meliá Sevilla (the place where the meeting will take place) by public transport: bus number 26 (10 minutes aprox.)*

*Walking: 20 minutes*

*Limit date for reservation: 20<sup>th</sup> of february*

|            | N° of rooms | Price double room (pesetas) | Price individual room (pesetas) | VAT | Breakfast |
|------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----|-----------|
| Corregidor | 21          | 12.000                      | 9.000                           | 7%  | 900       |

|                                 | Meliá Sevilla                          | NH Viapol                                            | NH Plaza de Armas                                    | Montecarmelo                        | Becquer                                    | Monte Triana                                    | Corregidor                             |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Nº Habitaciones                 | 175                                    | 70                                                   | 100                                                  | 20                                  | 20                                         | 40                                              | 21                                     |
| Categoría                       | 4 estrellas                            | 4 estrellas                                          | 3 estrellas                                          | 3 estrellas                         | 4 estrellas                                | 3 estrellas                                     | 3 estrellas                            |
| Dirección                       | Doctor Pedro de Castro, 1              | Balbino Maorrón, s/n                                 | Marqués de Paradas, s/n                              | Turia, 7                            | Reyes Católicos, 4                         | Clara de Jesús Montero, 24                      | Morgado, 17                            |
| Ciudad                          | Sevilla                                | Sevilla                                              | Sevilla                                              | Sevilla                             | Sevilla                                    | Sevilla                                         | Sevilla                                |
| Código Postal                   | 41004                                  | 41018                                                | 41001                                                | 41011                               | 41001                                      | 41010                                           | 41003                                  |
| Precio Hab. Doble (en pesetas)  | 18.400                                 | 14.900                                               | 14.000                                               | 13.700                              | 15.000                                     | 13.700                                          | 12.000                                 |
| Precio Hab. Indiv. (en pesetas) | 16.800                                 | 14.900                                               | 14.000                                               | 11.000                              | 13.000                                     | 11.000                                          | 9.000                                  |
| IVA                             | 7%                                     | 7%                                                   | 7%                                                   | 7%                                  | 7%                                         | 7%                                              | 7%                                     |
| Desayuno persona/día            | Incluido                               | 1.500                                                | 1.500                                                | 900                                 | 1.300                                      | 900                                             | 900                                    |
| Teléfono                        | 95 442 26 11                           | 95 464 52 54                                         | 95 490 19 92                                         | 95 427 90 00                        | 95 422 89 00                               | 95 434 31 11                                    | 95 438 51 11                           |
| Fax                             | 95 442 16 08                           | 95 464 66 68                                         | 95 490 18 32                                         | 95 427 10 04                        | 95 421 44 00                               | 95 433 89 07                                    | 95 438 42 38                           |
| E-mail                          | melia.sevilla@solmelia.es              | nhviapof@nhhotels.es                                 | www.nh-hotels.es                                     | hotelnca@cli.ccs.es                 | hbecquer@arrakis.es                        | hlnventas@cli.ccs.es                            | http://sol.com/hotelcorregidor         |
| Fecha de release                | 20-feb                                 | 20-feb                                               | 20-feb                                               | 20-feb                              | 20-feb                                     | 20-feb                                          | 20-feb                                 |
| Tarjetas de credito             | Visa, Mastercard, American Express, 4B | Visa, American Express, Dinner, Eurocard, Mastercard | Visa, American Express, Dinner, Eurocard, Mastercard | Visa, American Express, Maestro, 4B | Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Dinner | Visa, American Express, Master Card, Dinner, 4B | Visa, American Express, Mastercard, 4B |
| Penalización                    | 1 noche de hotel                       | 1 noche hotel                                        | 1 noche hotel                                        | No penalización                     | 1 noche de hotel                           | No penalización                                 | 1 noche de hotel                       |

|                                    | Meiá Sevilla                           | NH Viapol                                            | NH Plaza de Armas                                    | Montecarmelo                        | Becquer                                    | Monte Triana                                    | Corregidor                             |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Nº rooms                           | 175                                    | 70                                                   | 100                                                  | 20                                  | 20                                         | 40                                              | 21                                     |
| Range                              | 4 stars                                | 4 stars                                              | 3 stars                                              | 3 stars                             | 4 stars                                    | 3 stars                                         | 3 stars                                |
| Address                            | Doctor Pedro de Castro, 1              | Balbino Marrón, s/n                                  | Marqués de Paradas, s/n                              | Turia, 7                            | Reyes Católicos, 4                         | Clara de Jesús Montero, 24                      | Morgado, 17                            |
| City                               | Seville                                | Seville                                              | Seville                                              | Seville                             | Seville                                    | Seville                                         | Seville                                |
| Cip Code                           | 41004                                  | 41018                                                | 41001                                                | 41011                               | 41001                                      | 41010                                           | 41003                                  |
| Price double room (in pesetas)     | 18.400                                 | 14.900                                               | 14.000                                               | 13.700                              | 15.000                                     | 13.700                                          | 12.000                                 |
| Price individual room (in pesetas) | 16.800                                 | 14.900                                               | 14.000                                               | 11.000                              | 13.000                                     | 11.000                                          | 9.000                                  |
| VAT                                | 7%                                     | 7%                                                   | 7%                                                   | 7%                                  | 7%                                         | 7%                                              | 7%                                     |
| Breakfast per person/day           | Included                               | 1.500                                                | 1.500                                                | 900                                 | 1.300                                      | 900                                             | 900                                    |
| Telephone                          | 95 442 26 11                           | 95 464 52 54                                         | 95 490 19 92                                         | 95 427 90 00                        | 95 422 89 00                               | 95 434 31 11                                    | 95 438 51 11                           |
| Fax                                | 95 442 16 08                           | 95 464 66 68                                         | 95 490 18 32                                         | 95 427 10 04                        | 95 421 44 00                               | 95 433 89 07                                    | 95 438 42 38                           |
| E-mail                             | meia.sevilla@solmelia.es               | nhviapol@nhhoteles.es                                | www.nh-hoteles.es                                    | hotelmca@cli.ccs.es                 | hbecquer@arrakis.es                        | haventas@cli.ccs.es                             | http://sol.com/hoteles/corregidor      |
| Date of release                    | 20-feb                                 | 20-feb                                               | 20-feb                                               | 20-feb                              | 20-feb                                     | 20-feb                                          | 20-feb                                 |
| Credit Cards                       | Visa, Mastercard, American Express, 4B | Visa, American Express, Dinner, Eurocard, Mastercard | Visa, American Express, Dinner, Eurocard, Mastercard | Visa, American Express, Maestro, 4B | Visa, Mastercard, American Express, Dinner | Visa, American Express, Master Card, Dinner, 4B | Visa, American Express, Mastercard, 4B |
| Cancellation Penalty               | 1 night of hotel                       | 1 night of hotel                                     | 1 night of hotel                                     | No penalty                          | 1 night of hotel                           | No penalty                                      | 1 night of hotel                       |

FAX:  
TO:  
FROM:  
DATE:

Re: Biological Diversity Meeting  
26/03/2000-01/04/2000-

I would like to confirm my reservation for the following dates:

Date of Arrival:  
Date of departure:  
Single/double room:  
Breakfast:

I will be settling my own account and my Credit Card information is as follows:

Number:  
Expiry Date:

Limit date for reservation: 20<sup>th</sup>-02-2000

If I cancelled the reservation after that limit date, I will have to pay a charge of .....pesetas. (See chart of hotels).

Signed:  
Name in capitals:  
Organisation:

## ANNEX II

## LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS DO NOT REQUIRE AN ENTRY VISA TO SPAIN

| Andorra                  | Israel         |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| West Indies              | Japan          |
| Argentina                | Kenya          |
| Bolivia                  | Liechtenstein  |
| Brazil                   | Malaysia       |
| Canada                   | Malta          |
| Colombia                 | Mexico         |
| South Korea              | Monaco         |
| Costa Rica               | Nicaragua      |
| Croatia                  | New Zealand    |
| Chile                    | Panama         |
| Cyprus                   | Paraguay       |
| Ecuador                  | San Marino     |
| United States of America | Holy See       |
| El Salvador              | Singapore      |
| Slovenia                 | Switzerland    |
| Grenada                  | Uruguay        |
| Guatemala                | Czech Kingdom  |
| Honduras                 | Slovak Kingdom |
| Hungary                  | Poland         |
| Australia                | Venezuela      |
| Estonia                  | European Union |
| Lithuania                |                |