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COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON BANANAS AND TROPICAL FRUITS

Fourth Session

Guayaquil, Ecuador, 19-23 September 2005

INFORMATION NOTE ON ARRANGEMENTS

1. LOCATION OF SESSION

By kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Ecuador, the Fourth Session of the Intergovernmental Group on Bananas and Tropical Fruits will be held in Guayaquil from 19 to 23 September 2005. The Session will be held at:

Hotel Hilton Colón
Cdla. Kennedy Norte Av. Francisco de Orellana Mz. 111
Apartado de 0904662
Telephone: (+593-4) 2689000
Fax: (+593-4) 2689149
E-mail: reservas@hiltonguayaquil.com
Web: www.guayaquil.hilton.com

2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING

(a) All enquiries concerning the Session, except those regarding local arrangements or hotel accommodation, may be addressed to:

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(b) Local information should be requested from the **Liaison Officer** for the meeting:

Ingeniero Guillermo Ortega
Subsecretario de Direccinamiento Estratgico Agroproductivo
Ministerio de Agricultura y Ganadería
Av. Eloy Alfaro y Amazonas, Edif. MAG, Sexto Piso
Quito
Telephone: (+593-2) 2554620/2520502
Fax: (+593-2) 2501965
E-mail: estrategias@mag.gov.ec

or:

Ingeniera María Antonieta Reyes
Coordinadora de Banano
Corporación de Promoción de Exportaciones e Inversiones – CORPEI
Av. Francisco de Orellana y Miguel H. Alcívar, Edif. Las Cámaras, Segundo Piso
Guayaquil
Telephone: (+593-4) 2681550 extension 235
Fax: (+593-4) 2681551
E-mail: mreyes@corpei.org.ec

3. ENTRY FORMALITIES

Delegates and accompanying travellers who, because of their nationality, require visas (see Appendix I), should apply for them at the embassies/consulates of Ecuador in their respective countries of residence. Should any difficulties arise, the **Liaison Officer** should be informed at least four weeks before the Session. In case there is no embassy or consulate of Ecuador, the **Liaison Officer** should be informed at least six weeks before the Session and the Ecuadorian Government will seek to make the visas available at the port of entry. In this case the authorities will require the names and relevant passport details of the delegates.

4. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Delegates should make their hotel reservation by completing the attached form (see Appendix II) and forwarding it to Ingeniera María Antonieta Reyes (see **2.(b)**),

with copy to:

Agencia La Moneda
Contact person: Johanna García, Coordinadora de Congresos
Telephone: (+593-4) 2690900 extension 111
Fax : (+593-4) 2690911
E-mail: congresos@lamoneda.com.ec
Web: www.lamoneda.com.ec

and to FAO (see **2.(a)**).

Please note that hotel prices have been specially arranged for a limited number of rooms in each hotel (see Appendix II), and therefore delegates should confirm their bookings as early as possible.

5. TRANSPORT

Delegates who advise (see reservation form in Appendix II) of flight details and arrival time will be met at Simón Bolívar airport in Guayaquil. Transport to the hotels will be provided. A taxi to the hotel will cost approximately US\$4.00.

6. BANKING FACILITIES

The official currency in Ecuador is the US dollar. It is possible to exchange the main foreign currencies but delegates are advised to carry US dollars. The main banks are open to service from 9.00 to 15.00 hours.

7. CLIMATE

In September temperatures in Guayaquil range between 23 and 32°C, with 75 percent humidity.

8. HEALTH

No vaccination is required to enter Ecuador, but travellers should be aware of the presence of insects that may transmit malaria and yellow fever in certain areas of the country. The mosquitos that transmit these diseases thrive in hot and humid places.

9. REGISTRATION

Registration to the Session will take place at Hotel Hilton Colón on Sunday, 18 September 2005, from 17.00 to 19.00 hours and on Monday, 19 September 2005, from 7.30 to 9.00 hours.

10. PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

The opening ceremony will take place at 09.00 hours on Monday, 19 September 2005 and the Session is expected to conclude its work in the evening of Friday, 23 September 2005. A field trip will take place on Thursday 22 September 2005. The provisional timetable is attached as Appendix III.

APPENDIX I

LIST OF COUNTRIES NOT REQUIRING VISA TO ENTER ECUADOR

Argentina	Germany	Norway
Australia	Holy See	Panama
Austria	Hungary	Paraguay
Belgium	Ireland	Peru
Bolivia	Israel	Portugal
Brazil	Italy	Romania
Canada	Japan	Russian Federation
Chile	Latvia	South Africa
Colombia	Liechtenstein	Spain
Czech Republic	Lithuania	Sweden
Denmark	Luxemburg	Turkey
Dominican Republic	Malta	United Kingdom
Estonia	Mexico	United States of America
Finland	Monaco	Uruguay
France	Netherlands	Venezuela (Bolivarian Rep. of)

LIST OF COUNTRIES REQUIRING VISA TO ENTER ECUADOR

Afghanistan	Ghana	Philippines
Albania	Greece	Poland
Algeria	Grenada	Qatar
Andorra	Guatemala	Republic of Korea
Angola	Guinea	Republic of Moldova
Antigua and Barbuda	Guinea-Bissau	Rwanda
Armenia	Guyana	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Azerbaijan	Haiti	Saint Lucia
Bahamas	Honduras	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Bahrain	Iceland	Samoa
Bangladesh	India	San Marino
Barbados	Indonesia	Sao Tome and Principe
Belarus	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Saudi Arabia
Belize	Iraq	Senegal
Benin	Jamaica	Serbia and Montenegro
Bhutan	Jordan	Seychelles
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kazakhstan	Sierra Leone
Botswana	Kenya	Singapore
Brunei Darussalam	Kiribati	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Kuwait	Slovenia
Burkina Faso	Kyrgyzstan	Solomon Islands
Burundi	Lao People's Democratic Rep.	Somalia
Cambodia	Lebanon	Sri Lanka
Cameroon	Lesotho	Sudan
Cape Verde	Liberia	Suriname
Central African Republic	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Swaziland
Chad	Madagascar	Syrian Arab Republic
China	Malawi	Tajikistan
Comoros	Malaysia	Thailand
Congo	Maldives	

Cook Islands	Mali	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Costa Rica	Marshall Islands	Timor-Leste
Côte d'Ivoire	Mauritania	Togo
Croatia	Mauritius	Tonga
Cuba	Micronesia (Fed. States of)	Trinidad and Tobago
Cyprus	Mongolia	Tunisia
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Morocco	Turkmenistan
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mozambique	Tuvalu
Djibouti	Myanmar	Uganda
Dominica	Namibia	Ukraine
Egypt	Nauru	United Arab Emirates
El Salvador	Nepal	United Republic of Tanzania
Equatorial Guinea	New Zealand	Uzbekistan
Eritrea	Nicaragua	Vanuatu
Ethiopia	Niger	Viet Nam
Fiji	Nigeria	Yemen
Gabon	Niue	Zambia
Gambia	Oman	Zimbabwe
Georgia	Pakistan	
	Palau	
	Papua New Guinea	

ANNEX II

LIST OF HOTELS
HOTEL HILTON COLÓN GUAYAQUIL *****

(meeting site)

Cdla. Kennedy Norte Av. Francisco de Orellana Mz. 111

Apartado de 0904662

Telephone: (+593-4) 2689000

Fax: (+593-4) 2689149

E-mail: reservas@hiltonguayaquil.com

www.guayaquil.hilton.com

Contact person: María Montanel, Gerente de Cuentas Corporativas

E-mail: maria.montanel@hilton.com

Prices per room and day, taxes included:

Single room, with buffet breakfast	US\$122
Double room, with buffet breakfast	US\$122
Executive Room, with buffet breakfast	US\$183

Credit cards: American Express, Visa, Master Card, Diners

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON GUAYAQUIL *****

(10 minutes walking, 5 minutes by car from the meeting site)

Av. J. Joaquín Orrantía, Plaza del Sol, frente al Mall del Sol

Telephone: (+593-4) 2691 888

Fax: (+593-4) 2691 881

E-mail: reservas@sheraton.com.ec

Web: www.ghl.com.co/hotel.php3?id=9

Contact person: Mónica Emén Gallegos, Coordinadora Comercial

E-mail: mercadeo@sheraton.com.ec

Prices per room and day, taxes included:

Single room, with buffet breakfast	US\$93
Double room, with buffet breakfast	US\$93
Junior Suite, with buffet breakfast	US\$148

Credit cards: American Express, Visa, Master Card, Diners

HOTEL ORO VERDE *****

(15 minutes by car from the meeting site)

9 de Octubre y García Moreno

Casilla 09-01-9636

Telephone: (+593-4) 2327999

Fax: (+593-4) 2329350

E-mail: reservas_gye@orooverdehotels.com

Web: www.orooverdehotels.com

Contact person: Geomar Manosalvas, Gerente de Ventas

E-mail: gmanosalvas@orooverdehotels.com

Prices per room and day, taxes included:

Single room, with buffet breakfast US\$98

Double room, with buffet breakfast US\$104

Credit cards: American Express, Visa, Master Card, Diners

HOWARD JOHNSON HOTEL GUAYAQUIL *****

(11 minutes walking, 6 minutes by car from the meeting site)

Av. Juan Tanca Marengo y Abel Romero Castillo, Plaza Del Sol, frente al Mall del Sol

Casilla 09-01-5879

Telephone: (+593-4) 2397374

Fax: (+593-4) 2393928

E-mail: reservas@hojogy.com

Web: <http://www.ghl.com.co/hotel.php3?id=20>

Contact person: María Fernanda Flores, Coordinadora Comercial

E-mail: comercial1@hojogy.com

Prices per room and day, taxes included:

Single room, with buffet breakfast US\$80

Double room, with buffet breakfast US\$80

Credit cards: American Express, Visa, Master Card, Diners

NOTE: all rates include taxes (VAT 12% and service 10%)

RESERVATION FORM

Name _____
 Surname _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 Country _____
 Telephone _____
 Fax: _____
 E-mail _____

Flight information:

Date of arrival _____ Flight No. _____ Time of arrival _____
 Date of departure _____ Flight No. _____ Time of departure _____

Accommodation:

Hotel _____
 Type of room single double
 Arrival date _____
 Departure date _____

Special needs (mark, if necessary)

- Vegetarian menu
 Physical disabilities

HOTEL RESERVATION

The prices quoted in this Information Note have been established as special prices for the participants of the meeting. Taxes are included and the prices are per room with breakfast. Given the limited number of rooms reserved in each hotel, please make your reservation as soon as possible, providing two hotel options; should rooms not be available in your first choice hotel, your reservation would be made in your second choice.

Please complete the reservation form and send it to Ingeniera María Antonieta Reyes, with copy to Agencia La Moneda and to FAO. If you need further assistance in making your hotel reservation, please contact Ingeniera María Antonieta Reyes.

ANNEX III

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE
Sunday, 18 September 2005

- 17.00 – 19.00 hours : Registration (Hotel Hilton Colón)

Monday, 19 September 2005

- 07.30 – 09.00 hours : Registration (Hotel Hilton Colón)
 - 09.00 – 09.30 hours : Opening session
 - 09.30 – 11.00 hours : Morning session (IGG/BATF)
 - 11.00 – 13.00 hours : Morning session (SGBA)
 - 13.00 – 14.30 hours : Lunch
 - 14.30 – 17.30 hours : Afternoon session (SGBA)

Tuesday, 20 September 2005

- 09.30 – 12.30 hours : Morning session (SGBA)
 - 12.30 – 14.30 hours : Lunch
 - 14.30 – 17.30 hours : Afternoon session (SGTF)

Wednesday, 21 September 2005

- 09.30 – 12.30 hours : Morning session (SGTF)
 - 12.30 – 14.30 hours : Lunch
 - 14.30 – 17.30 hours : Afternoon session (SGTF)

Thursday, 22 September 2005

- 08.00 – 17.00 hours : Field trip

Friday, 23 September 2005

- 14.00 – 17.00 hours : Adoption of report (SGBA)
 : Adoption of report (SGTF)
 : Adoption of report (IGG/BATF)

IGG/BATF:	<i>Intergovernmental Group on Bananas and Tropical Fruits</i>
SGBA:	<i>Sub-Group on Bananas</i>
SGTF:	<i>Sub-Group on Tropical Fruits</i>