

U.N. Department of Economic and Social Affairs Financing for Development Office

6th Session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

Geneva, Switzerland 18-22 October 2010

Information Circular for General Participants

Dates and Venue

The sixth session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters will take place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland from 18 to 22 October 2010. The meetings will be held in conference room XIX, located on the 3rd floor of the New Building of the Palais (Batiment E), which is accessible through outer doors marked Porte 40 of the Palais.

Registration

To register with this Office, participants are requested to use one of the following options:

- 1) Register online at http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/tax/sixthsession/ or
- 2) Complete the attached registration form and return it to FfDO either by email to taxffdoffice@un.org or by fax to 1-212-963-0443.

In both cases participants should retain a hard copy of their completed registration form and bring it with them when registering with the UN Security in Geneva.

To obtain their grounds passes, participants are requested to report to the UN Security at the "New Pregny Building" on 18 October between 8:30 and 9:30 am. The "New Pregny Building" is located at the Pregny gate. Participants are requested to bring with them:

- 1) Copy or their registration form (see above);
- 2) Photo ID (Passport, National ID or a Driver License).

Travel and hotel accommodation

Please note that the UN is not in a position to provide travel or accommodation costs to participants, or arrange flights or accommodation.

The enclosed list provides the names of several hotels which offer discount rates to the participants of UN meetings. Participants can make reservations directly with the hotels or through the American Express (AMEX), which can be contacted by telephone at 41-22-917-2850; by fax at

41-22-917-0270 and by email at <u>ax.unog.door6officialtravel@aexp.com</u>. To make a reservation using American Express (AMEX), participants will need to provide the following information:

- 1) First and last name;
- 2) Check in and check out dates;
- 3) Selected hotel or budgeted amount per night (with or without breakfast);
- 4) Type of room (single/double/suite); and
- 5) Credit card number with expiration date (to guarantee the reservation).

Please be aware of hotel cancellation and no-show policies. Note that accommodation in Geneva can be tight, so booking should be made as soon as possible. Often there are good rates on the internet booking sites.

Visa

Participants should obtain a visa through a Swiss Consulate in their home country, if required

Medical and Insurance Coverage

The UN Department of Management draws your attention to regulations concerning medical and life insurance coverage that must be strictly observed. These are reproduced below for your information and necessary action:

"In issuing invitations to participants in advisory meetings, the UN assumes that the individual concerned is in good health and has no illness or disability that might prevent the individual concerned from traveling to and participating in the meeting as required by the Organization. It is the responsibility of the participant in an advisory meeting to inform the UN of any such health impediment prior to accepting the invitation."

Please be advised that participants in advisory meetings are responsible for arranging, at their own expense, such life, health and other forms of insurance coverage for the duration of the meeting, as they deem appropriate.

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