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Intersessional Workshop

**"TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND EXPLOITATION OF MIGRANTS:
ENSURING PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS"**

9-10 July 2009

**International Conference Center Geneva (CICG),
17 rue de Varembé, Geneva, Switzerland**

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Workshop Arrangements

Date and Venue

The workshop will be held on Thursday and Friday, 9-10 July 2009, from 10.00 until 18.00, at:
CICG, International Conference Centre of Geneva
17, rue de Varembé, 1202 Geneva, Switzerland
Tel. + 41 22 791 9111 Fax. +41 22 733 8106 www.cicg.ch

Working Languages

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French and Spanish.

Documentation

Background documents will be made available on the IOM website: <http://www.iom.int/idm> . They will also be provided during the workshop.

Restaurants

Lunch is not provided. A self-service restaurant and two bars are available at the workshop venue and other restaurants can be found nearby.

Parking

Car parking is available near the CICG at the Parking des Nations.

Travel Arrangements and Accommodation

Travel arrangements

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangements to and from Geneva. The cost of travel must be borne by the participant.

Accommodation

Participants are requested to make their own hotel arrangements. The cost of accommodations must be borne by the participant.

Some recommended hotels include:

<p>Manotel group has several 3-4 star hotels, close to the city center and the Palais des Nations.</p> <p>Hotel bookings can be made directly at: http://www.manotel.com/ or by E-mail: info@manotel.com</p>	<p>Hotel Best Western Astoria (3-star hotel) 6 place de Cornavin, 1201 Geneva <i>Opposite main railway station (15 minutes to CICG)</i> Tel: +41 22 544 52 52 Fax: +41 22 544 52 54 E-mail: hotel@astoria-geneve.ch http://www.astoria-geneve.ch</p>
<p>Hotel Mon Repos (3-star hotel) 131-133, rue de Lausanne, 1202 Geneva <i>Near Botanical Gardens (15 minutes to CICG)</i> Tel: +41 22 909 39 09 Fax: +41 22 909 39 93 E-mail: reservations@hmrge.ch http://www.hmrge.ch</p>	<p>Hotel Eden (3-star hotel) 135 rue de Lausanne, 1202 Geneva <i>Near Botanical Gardens (15 minutes to CICG)</i> Tel: +41 22 716 37 00 Fax: +41 22 731 52 60 E-mail: info@eden.ch http://www.eden.ch</p>
<p>Ramada Park Hotel (4-star hotel) Avenue Louis-Casai 75-77 1216 Cointrin-Genève <i>Near airport (20 minutes by bus to CICG)</i> Tel: +41 22 710 30 00 E-mail: resa@ramadaparkhotel.ch http://www.ramadaparkhotel.ch</p>	<p>Hotel des Nations (4-star hotel) Rue du Grand-Pré 62, 1202 Geneva <i>(10 minutes walk to CICG)</i> Tel: +41 22 748 08 08 Fax: +41 22 734 38 84 Email: info@hotel-les-nations.com http://www.hotel-les-nations.com/p</p>

A range of hotels in Geneva can be seen online at:
<http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/?rubrique=0000000269>. The site is available in French and English.

Note: *In view of the fact that several major conferences are taking place in Geneva in July, it is crucial to make hotel reservations as soon as possible.*

Arriving in Geneva

From Geneva Cointrin Airport – Taxis are available directly outside the airport at the cost of approximately CHF 35 – 40 to the city centre.

Geneva International Airport authorities are now offering free public transport for 80 minutes to arriving passengers for use in the canton of Geneva. The free ticket is available from the automatic distributor located in the Arrivals baggage claim area just before going through customs.

Participants may take the train to "Genève" (takes 6 minutes, one stop; frequency – every 12 minutes in the rush hour) or bus no.5 to the main train station (Gare Cornavin). A map and information on public transport from the airport to Geneva will be found at:

http://www.gva.ch/en/Portaldata/1/Resources/fichiers/voyageurs/plans_d_acces/AccesGene-TransportsPublics.pdf

From the central railway station (Gare Cornavin) – The train station is within walking distance of the city centre.

General Information

Local Transport and Taxis

Information (in French only) about the public transport system may be found at:

<http://www.tpg.ch/fr/horaires-et-reseau/plans-du-reseau/index.php>

A bus and tram map can be found at: http://tpg.ch/zoomify/tpg_plan_reseau.pdf

Destination CICG

Choices of public transportation to the CIGC are as follows:

- From Railway Station (Gare Cornavin) – approximately 10 minutes
 - Bus **5** (Direction *Palexpo* or *Aéroport*), Stop **Vermont**
 - Bus **8** (Direction *OMS*), Stop **UIT**
 - Bus **F** (Direction *Ferney/Gex-ZAC*, France), Stop **Varembé**
 - Tram **13** (Direction *Nations*), Stop **Nations**
 - Tram **15** (Direction *Nations*), Stop **Nations**
- From Airport / Meyrin area – approximately 20 minutes
 - Bus **28** (Direction *Jardin Botanique*), Stop **Nations**
- From Hotel des Nations – approximately 10 minutes by foot or 1 minute by bus
 - Bus **5** (Direction *Palexpo* or *Aéroport*), Stop **Vermont**

Individual tickets are available from vending machines (instructions also in English) at main **bus** and **tram** stops. For Zone A (the Geneva region), the following are available: a ticket valid for one hour which may be used on one or more means of transport within that time - CHF 3.00; a day-ticket valid from 09.00 until midnight - CHF 7; a short trip of not more than three stops – CHF 2. Tickets must be purchased from the ticket machines before entering the bus or tram. Please note that the machines do not give change. Fines of CHF 80 are applicable to those travelling without a valid ticket.

In Geneva, **taxis** are only available on call. Geneva taxi drivers know the workshop venue as "CICG" (Rue Varembé). Taxis can be called by phoning the following numbers: AA New Cab: 0800 801 802 (free call); Taxi-Phone: 022 331 41 33 and Centrale Taxi Coopérative: 022 320 22 02.

Detailed maps of Geneva can be found at

http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/?rubrique=0000000211&lang=_eng

Post Office and Foreign Exchange

There is a Post Office situated next door to the CICG.

A foreign currency exchange service is available at local banks, hotels and at the airport and main train station (Gare Cornavin). Major credit cards and ATM cards linked with international banks are widely accepted throughout Switzerland.

Climate

In July, the temperature ranges from 18°C to 28°C.

Language

The official language in Geneva is French. However, most people in shops and other commercial activities speak basic English. German and Italian are spoken in other parts of Switzerland.

Time Zone

Central Europe (Greenwich G.M.T. + 1 hour)
Summer time +1 hour (last weekend of March)
Winter time –1 hour (last weekend of October)

Currency

The currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc, divided into 100 centimes. In mid May 2009, the exchange rate was approximately USD 1.00 for 1.11 Swiss Francs and 1 Euro for 1.51 Swiss Francs.

Voltage

The electric current used is 230 V, 50 Hz.

Tipping

The indicated prices for restaurants, hotels and taxis include service and, therefore, tipping is not an absolute necessity. It is, however, customary to leave a tip for particularly good service.

Geneva Tourism

For detailed information about Geneva, visit the following links:

http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/?rubrique=0000000000&lang=_eng

http://www.ville-ge.ch/index_e.htm

The Geneva Tourist Office is close to the railway station and is housed in the central post office building:

18 rue du Mont-Blanc
1201 Geneva
Tel: +41 22 909 70 00
Fax: +41 22 909 70 11

Opening hours:
Monday: from 10.00 to 18.00
Tuesday to Saturday: from 09.00 to 18.00
Sunday: from 10.00 to 16.00