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**PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES FOR
URUGUAY ROUND: MONTREAL MINISTERIAL MEETING, CANADA 1988**

The following communication has been received from the Delegation of Canada with the request that it be circulated to members of the Trade Negotiations Committee.

This document is intended to provide delegates with some preliminary information on the facilities for the Uruguay Round: Montreal Ministerial Meeting which will be held December 5-9, 1988 at the Montreal Convention Centre (Palais des congrès) in Canada.

We trust that our technical support to the GATT Secretariat and services to delegates will make your time in Montreal enjoyable and contribute to a successful meeting.

The Task Force for the Montreal Ministerial Meeting will be pleased to assist delegates with all enquiries regarding services and facilities:

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Arrivals

Most delegates will be arriving by air through either Mirabel Airport (45 minutes to downtown) or Dorval Airport (20 minutes to downtown).

Air Canada and Canadian Airlines have direct flights to Mirabel and Dorval from most major cities in the world. The following airlines have direct flights to Mirabel from their country of origin: Aerlingus, Aerolineas Argentinas, Air France, Al Italia, British Airways, Cubana Airlines, El Al, Finair, Iberia, K.L.M., Lan Chile, Lot Polish, Lufthansa, Olympic Airways, Royal Air Maroc, Sabena, Swiss Air, Tap Air Portugal, Trans Brazil, Varig, Yugoslavian Air

Arrangements will be made at both airports to facilitate customs, immigration and baggage clearance and quick transfer to hotels.

Transport

Heads of delegation will each be provided a car and driver throughout their stay in Montreal. Other delegates will be provided coach transfer to and from airports to downtown hotels.

Visas

Canadian Embassies abroad can normally provide diplomatic and official visas within 2-3 weeks. Delegates resident in countries not having a Canadian Embassy should contact the closest one in order to determine the procedures to follow.

Immunities

Ministers and those delegates holding diplomatic passports will receive diplomatic visas. Foreign government employees and employees of international organizations will receive "official" visas. The Canadian authorities normally accord diplomatic immunity to holders of diplomatic and official visas.

Registration

Upon arrival in Montreal we expect delegates will be able to complete their registration at the major hotels on December 2, 3 and 4 or at the Convention Centre from December 3. Note that advance information on delegates will accelerate the registration process.

Media Registration

It would be helpful in planning press facilities if delegations which have information regarding the number of journalists from their countries likely to cover the Ministerial Meeting could communicate it both to the Task Force of the Montreal Ministerial Meeting and to the GATT Secretariat.

Hotels

Six of the larger downtown hotels in Montreal have set aside rooms and suites for delegations to the Montreal Ministerial Meeting. Delegations wishing to be accommodated in the same hotel and wishing a better choice of rooms should reserve rooms directly as soon as possible. The specially negotiated price indicated is available to delegations who, at the time the reservation is made, identify themselves as participants in the Montreal Ministerial Meeting.

The six hotels which have set aside rooms are:

- 1- **HOTEL MERIDIEN**
4, Complexe Desjardins
Montreal (Québec)
H5B 1E5

Tel.: (514) 285-1450
Telex: 05-25268
Fax: (514) 285-1243

Price: CDN \$95 single, CDN \$115 double

Note: - underground access direct to
Palais des Congrès
- 5 minutes walk to Palais des
Congrès.

- 3- **LE GRAND HOTEL**
777, rue Université
Montreal (Québec)
H3C 3Z7

Tel.: (514) 879-1370
Telex: 055-60223
Fax: (514) 879-1761

Price: CDN \$80.00 single or double

Note: - Underground access to metro line
to Palais des Congrès
- 10 minutes walk to Palais des
Congrès

- 5- **HOTEL LE REINE
ELIZABETH**
900, boul. Dorchester ouest
Montreal (Québec)
H3B 4A5

Tel.: (514) 861-3511
Telex: 05-267584
Fax: (514) 861-3536

Price: CDN \$93.00 single or double

Note: - direct underground access to
metro line to Palais des
Congrès
- 15 minutes walk to Palais des
Congrès

- 2- **LE CHATEAU CHAMPLAIN**
1, Place du Canada
Montreal (Québec)
H3B 4C9

Tel.: (514) 878-9000
Telex: 055-60048
Fax: (514) 878-6761

Price: CDN \$95.00 single or double

Note: - underground access to metro line
to Palais des Congrès
- 10 minutes walk to Palais des
Congrès

- 4- **LE CENTRE SHERATON**
1201, boul. Dorchester ouest
Montreal (Québec)
H3B 2L7

Tel.: (514) 878-2064
Telex: 055-60719
Fax: (514) 878-3958

Price: CDN \$89.00 single, CDN \$99.00
double

Note: - 2 minute walk outdoors to metro
line to Palais des Congrès
- 20 minutes walk to Palais des
Congrès

- 6- **HOTEL BONAVENTURE
HILTON INTERNATIONAL**
B.P. 779 - 1, Place Bonaventure
Montreal (Québec)
H5A 1E4

Tel.: (514) 878-2332
Telex: 05-24480
Fax: (514) 878-3881

Price: CDN \$125.00 single or double

Note: - direct underground access to
metro line to Palais des Congrès
- 10 minutes walk to Palais des
Congrès

The Palais des Congrès:

The Montreal convention centre is located in downtown Montreal (210 Viger Avenue West) minutes away from major hotels, restaurants and shopping and on the main metro line.

First aid, banking, tourist, restaurant and bar facilities will be located in the Palais.

All meeting rooms will be located on one level. Meeting rooms for special groups (eg. Nordics, Cairns, European Community, Developing Countries, etc.) will be available on site. Offices of the Meeting Chairman and the GATT Secretariat will also be located in the Palais

In addition, a small office, security lock up and phone will be available to all delegations on request. These offices will be adjacent to a business centre designed to handle urgent overload typing, copying and message transmission. There will also be available in the business centre a number of small meeting rooms for use by all delegations as required.

Located below the main meeting floor will be the press centre including briefing rooms, studios, phones, telex and other media requirements.

Delegation Offices:

Provided the Task Force can be informed prior to November 3 they are prepared to provide without charge one small office (2 m. x 3 m.) per delegation at the Palais. These offices would each be equipped with a telephone, table and chairs and upon request could include a cabinet lock up.

These small offices will be located on the conference floor adjacent to a business centre (see page 7). Several small conference rooms (10-12 people) will also be available for delegation needs.

Delegations requiring more elaborate offices, meeting rooms, equipment etc. are encouraged to make their own arrangements. In this regard the major hotels are normally well equipped to handle office set up.

Should the hotel not be able to fill your requirements the following Montreal firms can provide specialized office services. These firms have been informed that delegations may be in touch with them regarding various office services:

AMEUBLEMENT DÉFI INC.
1100 Victoria
Ville Lemoyne
St. Lambert (Québec)
téléphone: 514-465-5180
contact: M. Jean-Luc St-Martin

Complete laying-out of offices.

MAESTRO PLUS
1410 Stanley, suite 518
Montreal (Québec)
Canada H3A 1P8
Phone: 514-287-1465

Complete office laying-out and organization
for cocktails.

EXPO-EXPERT INC.
590 Place Trans-Canada
Longueuil (Québec)
Canada J4G 1P1
phone: 514-646-2251
contact: M. Gaétan Blanchet

Office laying-out.

TECHSEL INC.
555 ouest Boul. Dorchester, suite 700
Montreal (Québec)
Canada H2Z 1B1
phone: 514-879-1410
contact: M. Yves Fournier

Typewriters, Word processing,
photocopiers, facsimile

Official representative for IBM et Olivetti.

LES SERVICES DE CONGRES GEMS
4260 Girouard, suite 100
Montreal (Québec)
Canada H4A 3C9
phone: 514-485-0855
contact: M. Patrick Timmons

Complete office installation; organization
for cocktails and other social events

EXPOSERVICE STANDARD INC.
C.P. 1120
Place Bonaventure
Montreal (Québec)
Canada H5A 1G4

Phone: 514-395-2450
contact: Mme Tolchinsky

Desks, tables, chairs, typewriters,
photocopiers, etc.

LES ÉQUIPEMENTS ADMACO
4988 Place de la Savane
Montreal (Québec)
Canada H4P 1Z6
phone: 514-341-3020
contact: M. Peter Sas

Typewriters, Word processing,
photocopiers, facsimile

Official representative for Toshiba,
Panasonic, Smith-Corona and Brothers

OFFICE EQUIPMENT INC.
5990 Côte de Liesse
Montreal (Québec)
Phone: 514-342-5151
Contact: M. Laterreur

Complete office laying-out
Official representative for Canon et Phillips

**LES ASSOCIÉS LÉONARD ET
PARISIEN INC.**

1010 ouest Ste-Catherine, suite 911
Montreal (Québec)
phone: 514-875-0545
contact: Mme Roy

Temporary staffing (secretaries, hostesses,
clerks, etc.)

XEROX CANADA INC.

329 de la Commune ouest
Montreal (Québec)
Canada H2Y 3T6
Phone: 514-288-2600
Contact: M. Guy Forget

Representative for XEROX products.

**LES SERVICES SÉLECTION 500
CANADA LTD.**

615 ouest Boul. Dorchester, suite 500
Montreal (Québec)
Canada H3B 1P6
phone: 514-861-8371
contact: M. André Drouin

Temporary staffing (secretaries, hostesses,
clerks, etc.)

KODAK CANADA INC.

2 Place du Commerce
Ile des Soeurs
Montreal (Québec)
Canada H3E 1A1
Phone: 514-761-3481
Contact: M. Gilles
Gaudet

Représentative for KODAK products.

Business Centre

The business centre will be located on the main conference floor of the Palais des congrès and will be operational from Dec 3. The following urgent and overload services for delegates will be available: word processing, photocopying, facsimile transmission, message transmission, paper shredding.

It is worth noting that the hotels offer similar services to their clients.

Activity Program

A number of excursions of a sightseeing, sporting and cultural nature will be available within and outside Montreal for accompanying spouses and members of delegations who can spare the time.

Language

Canada's two official languages, French and English are spoken in downtown Montreal.

Simultaneous translation in the three languages of the GATT (French, English, Spanish) will be available in the main meeting rooms.

Exchange rates and banking

The Canadian dollar at the end of April 1988 was valued at:

Cdn \$1.23	=	US \$1.00
Cdn \$0.01	=	Jpns Yen 1.00
Cdn \$2.34	=	English Pound 1.00
Cdn \$0.22	=	Fr. franc 1.00
Cdn \$0.74	=	Deutschmark 1.00
Cdn \$0.001	=	lire 1.00
Cdn \$0.90	=	Swiss franc 1.00

Airport and downtown banks will all handle foreign currency exchange. Banks are generally open Mon-Wed 10 - 3 pm and somewhat longer on Thurs and Fri.

A bank facility will be located on the conference floor of the Palais des congrès.

All major credit cards are accepted throughout Montreal.

Montreal

It could be sunny and mild in Montreal in December. On the other hand it could be cold and grey perhaps even with some snow. Average temperatures in early December range between -1 °C and -9 °C.

But Montreal has organized an underground system of boutiques and restaurants linking the major office complexes. Thus it will be possible for most delegates to avoid the outdoors if it is really disagreeable.

Montreal is an international city featuring a wide variety of attractions for a foreign visitor. There are many first rate restaurants in Montreal (a number of them located near the Palais des Congrès) and the city's nightlife is renowned.

Tourist literature and maps of Montreal are available by contacting the Task Force or from the GATT Secretariat in Geneva, the Canadian Mission in Geneva and most Canadian Embassies, High Commissions and Consulates abroad.

We look forward to welcoming you to Canada and to Montreal in December 1988.