

## Executive Council

Eighty-eighth session  
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### INFORMATION NOTE No. 1

#### 1. PLACE AND DATES OF THE SESSION

In accordance with decision 6(LXXXVII), the Executive Council will hold its eighty-eighth session in the city of **Puerto Iguazú, Argentina, on 6, 7 and 8 June 2010.**

The working sessions of the Council will be entirely held in Puerto Iguazú, Argentina, on the invitation of the Argentine Republic with the cooperation of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

The social programme is offered by the three countries of the tri-border area: Argentina (opening reception), Brazil (closing dinner), and Paraguay (technical visit and reception), on their respective territories.

The opening ceremony on the eve of the working sessions is scheduled for **Sunday, 6 June 2010, at 8 p.m.**, and will take place in Puerto Iguazú.

The opening session will take place on **Monday, 7 June, at 9 a.m.** at the Sheraton Iguazú hotel, which will also be the venue of the working sessions of the Council:

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**Hotel Sheraton Iguazú**

Parque Nacional Iguazú

**Argentina**

Tel.: +54 (3757) 491 800

Fax: +54 (3757) 491 848

[www.sheraton.com/iguazu](http://www.sheraton.com/iguazu)

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## 2. REPLIES TO INVITATIONS

Representatives of governments and other entities invited by letter of the Executive Director for Member Relations and Services are kindly requested to send their replies at the earliest opportunity, and if possible, indicating the composition of their delegations.

Registration for the Council session will be done online. The participation form is available on the UNWTO website at: <http://www.unwto.org/conferences/ec/ec.php?lang=E>

Participants are requested to kindly complete the participation form **before 15 May 2010**, on which date online registration will be closed.

For any further information or clarification, please contact the following officials in charge of the preparation of the Executive Council both from UNWTO and the host country:

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## 3. STATUS OF PARTICIPANTS

The Governments of Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay will take the necessary steps to facilitate the arrival and departure of participants invited by the Organization, as well as their stay. Throughout their stay, participants will enjoy the prerogatives and immunities granted to delegates at conferences of United Nations specialized agencies.

## 4. ENTRY FORMALITIES AND PASSES

### (a) *Argentina*

Participants should take note of the conditions of entry into Argentinian territory, which are specified in Annex 1.

Delegates who need a visa to enter Argentinian territory are requested to contact Argentina's diplomatic or consular missions in their countries in order to obtain their entry visas.

In order to take advantage of the special visa issuance conditions offered by the Government of Argentina, participants must provide proof of participation in the Council.

Information on visas and the list of diplomatic and consular missions of Argentina with their respective countries of jurisdiction can be consulted on the website of the Ministry of External Relations of Argentina<sup>1</sup>.

**It is very important** for nationals of countries needing a visa to enter Argentinian territory, to obtain a **multiple-entry visa** with a period of validity of **at least 15 days** (or more, if necessary in order to cover the duration of the event and possible trips by the participants on their own), as various border-crossings will be required to attend the events on the social programme to be held on Brazilian and Paraguayan territory.

*(b) Brazil*

Participants should take note of the conditions of entry into the Brazilian territory, which are specified in Annex 2.

Delegates who need a visa to enter the territory of Brazil are requested to contact the diplomatic or consular missions of Brazil in their countries in order to obtain their entry visas.

In order to take advantage of the special visa issuance conditions offered by the Government of Brazil, participants must provide proof of participation in the Council.

Information on visas and the list of diplomatic and consular missions of Brazil with their respective countries of jurisdiction can be consulted on the website of the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil<sup>2</sup>.

*(c) Paraguay*

Taking into account the official status of the UNWTO event, the authorities of Paraguay will grant a **special 24-hour transit entry permit** into the territory of Paraguay for all the participants of the Council. The delegates are requested to kindly fill in the online participation form (<http://www.unwto.org/conferences/ec/ec.php?lang=E>) indicating their passport details, which constitutes the sole requirement in order to enter Paraguayan territory without a visa.

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<sup>1</sup> Argentina, consular matters:

[http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/portal/temas\\_consulares/visas.html](http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/portal/temas_consulares/visas.html)

Argentinian representations abroad:

[http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/portal/repre\\_argentinas/repre\\_argentinas.html](http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/portal/repre_argentinas/repre_argentinas.html)

<sup>2</sup> Brazil, consular matters:

<http://www.portalconsular.mre.gov.br/antes/quadro-geral-de-regime-de-vistos-1>

Brazilian representations abroad:

[http://www.mre.gov.br/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1040&Itemid=547](http://www.mre.gov.br/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1040&Itemid=547)

Delegates wishing to stay in Paraguay on their own for a longer period of time, should take note of the normal entry conditions for this country.

The information on visas and the list of diplomatic and consular missions of Paraguay and countries of their jurisdiction can be consulted on the website of the Ministry of External Relations of Paraguay<sup>3</sup>.

## 5. DISCOUNTS ON AIR FARES

The airlines listed below have communicated the discounts on their flights for the participants of the 88th session of the Executive Council.

- **AEROLÍNEAS ARGENTINAS**



Argentinian airline **Aerolíneas Argentinas** is offering a 25% discount off the full fare in economy and business class on the routes it operates.

Participants can take advantage of the discounts on both international and national routes by using the reference code **OMTFC856** and providing proof of their participation in the Council. The offer is valid from 3 to 11 June 2010, both inclusive.

- **AIR FRANCE AND KLM**



The airlines **Air France** and **KLM** offer a 10% rebate on published non-restrictive public fares in economy or business class a 5% reduction on restrictive-discounted rates in economy or business class.

The tickets can be claimed through the web page created by Air France and KLM for the eighty-eighth session of the UNWTO Executive Council ([www.airfranceklm-globalmeetings.com/?eid=09839AF](http://www.airfranceklm-globalmeetings.com/?eid=09839AF)), or be issued by Air France and KLM offices (indicating the event ID code **09839AF** and providing proof of participation in the Council). This offer is valid from 27 May 2010 to 18 June 2010, both inclusive.

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<sup>3</sup> Paraguay, consular matters: <http://www.mre.gov.py/es/SupresiondeVisa2.html>  
Paraguayán representations abroad: [http://www.mre.gov.py/es/inicio\\_es.asp](http://www.mre.gov.py/es/inicio_es.asp)

- IBERIA



Spanish airline **Iberia** is offering a 40% discount off the full fare in business class, and a 45% discount in economy class on intercontinental flights whose final destination is Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro or Buenos Aires.

These discounts are valid only on booked IBERIA and Air Nostrum flights, *and are not applicable to code-sharing flights (IB-7000 and 5000)*. The validity period for these reduced-fare tickets is seven days before and seven days after the date of the Council, i.e., from 30 May to 15 June 2010, both inclusive.

The tickets can be claimed through the web page created by IBERIA (<http://www.iberia.com/OneToOne/v3/initEventSimpl.do?eventId=672&accion=2&tabId=0&menuId=3200000000000>), or be issued by IBERIA airlines offices, travel agencies and by the IBERIA telephone sales service – SERVIBERIA – (code **BT0IB21MPE0075** to issue the tickets and code **OSI IB BT0IB21MPE0075** for reservations), with proof of participation in the Council.

## 6. RECEPTION AT THE AIRPORT AND TRANSFERS

The Government of Argentina will set up a reception service for the participants at the Ezeiza Airport of Buenos Aires to help them to complete the formalities for entering the country and will provide transfers to Aeroparque Jorge Newbery where domestic flights are based. On weekdays, the transfer from one airport to the other takes approximately one hour; participants should take this transfer time into account when booking their flights. Reception services will also be provided at the airports of Puerto Iguazú (Argentina) and Foz de Iguazú (Brazil). Free transfers from the airports to the selected<sup>4</sup> hotels will be also provided for the delegates upon arrival and departure.

To enable the local authorities to organize this service, participants are requested to complete and return the online participation form (<http://www.unwto.org/conferences/ec/ec.php?lang=E>) indicating their arrival, departure and accommodation details.

The host authorities will also provide for transfer service from the selected hotels for the registration of participants, the opening ceremony, the working sessions and the social events in the three countries of the Iguazu zone.

## 7. ACCOMMODATION

The hotels in Puerto Iguazú listed below offer the participants special discounted rates. Participants are requested to make their reservations by directly contacting the hotels, indicating their status as participants in the UNWTO event.

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<sup>4</sup> Transfer service will be available only to/from the hotels indicated in this Note.

The rates are indicated in USD, 21% VAT not included.

Hotel	Tel. / Fax	Single room breakfast included	Double room breakfast included
<b>SHERATON IGUAZÚ</b> 5 stars Parque Nacional Iguazú	Tel.: + 54 (3757) 491 800 Fax: + 54 (3757) 491 848 <a href="http://www.sheraton.com/iguazu">www.sheraton.com/iguazu</a> <a href="mailto:Reservas.iguazu@sheraton.com">Reservas.iguazu@sheraton.com</a>	Jungle view room: USD 130 + VAT Falls view room: USD 170 + VAT	
<b>IGUAZÚ GRAND HOTEL RESORT &amp; CASINO</b> 5 stars Ruta Nacional nº 12, Km 1640	Tel.: +54 (3757) 498 050 Fax: +54 (3757) 498 060 <a href="http://www.casinoiguazu.com">www.casinoiguazu.com</a> <a href="mailto:iguazugrandhotel@casinoiguazu.com">iguazugrandhotel@casinoiguazu.com</a>	Junior Suite: USD 137+ VAT	
<b>PANORAMIC HOTEL IGUAZÚ</b> 5 stars Paraguay 372	Tel.: + 54 (3757) 498 050 <a href="mailto:reservaciones@panoramic-hoteliguazu.com">reservaciones@panoramic-hoteliguazu.com</a> <a href="http://www.panoramic-hoteliguazu.com">www.panoramic-hoteliguazu.com</a>	Standard Jardin: USD 103 + VAT Standard Rio: USD 123 + VAT	
<b>AMERICAN PORTAL DEL IGUAZÚ</b> 5 stars Av. Tres Fronteras 780	Tel.: +54 (3757) 498 200 <a href="http://www.portaldeliguazu.com">www.portaldeliguazu.com</a> <a href="mailto:Reservasiguazu@american.com">Reservasiguazu@american.com</a>	Standard Selva: USD 90 + VAT Standard Rio: USD 100 + VAT JR Suite: USD 160 + VAT	
<b>LOI SUITES IGUAZÚ HOTEL</b> 5 stars Selva Iryapy S/N	Tel.: +54 (3757) 498 100 <a href="http://www.loisuites.com.ar">www.loisuites.com.ar</a> <a href="mailto:iguazu@loisuites.com.ar">iguazu@loisuites.com.ar</a>	Single USD 160 + VAT	Double USD 160 + VAT
<b>ESTURIÓN – ESTANCIA CHICA</b> 4 stars Av. Tres Fronteras 650	Tel.: + 54 (3757) 420 100 <a href="http://www.hotelessturion.com">www.hotelessturion.com</a> <a href="mailto:information@hotelessturion.com">information@hotelessturion.com</a>	Individual Regency: USD 99 + VAT	Double Regency: USD 99 + VAT
<b>SAINT GEORGE HOTEL</b> 4 stars Av. Córdoba 148	Tel.: + 54 (3757) 420 631 / 51 Fax: +54 (3757) 420 633 <a href="http://www.hotelsaintgeorge.com">www.hotelsaintgeorge.com</a> <a href="mailto:reservas@hotelsaintgeorge.com">reservas@hotelsaintgeorge.com</a>	Standard Single: USD 59 + VAT Master Single: USD 71 + VAT	Standard Double: USD 71 + VAT Master Double: USD 81 + VAT

N.B.: The exchange rate in March 2010 is 3.85 Argentinian pesos to 1 USD.

## 8. REGISTRATION AND BADGES

The registration desk will be open at the **Hotel Sheraton Iguazú** on **Sunday, 6 June, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Identification badges will be issued upon registration. Participants are requested to wear their identification badges throughout the Council session in the area reserved for the meetings, as well as at all social events.

During registration at the Hotel Sheraton Iguazú on **6 June**, the participants will receive an official identification card (MERCOSUR pass) issued by the National Directorate of Migration of Argentina in order to facilitate travel between the three countries.

In order to facilitate the Mercosur pass issuance and to fulfil the necessary requirements for the visa exemption offered on an exclusive basis by Paraguay on this occasion, the delegates are requested to kindly fill in the online participation form (<http://www.unwto.org/conferences/ec/ec.php?lang=E>) indicating their passport and flight details.

The participants attending the meetings should **always** have with them **their passport and the Mercosur pass** in order to be able to participate in the social programme in the territory of Paraguay and Brazil.

## 9. WORKING LANGUAGES

The documents for the Council session will be available in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Consecutive interpretation at the opening ceremony and simultaneous interpretation of the Council discussions will also be provided in English, French, and Spanish.

## 10. WORKING DOCUMENTS

The delegates are kindly requested to take note that, in compliance with the United Nations system's environmental protection policy, the working documents will not be distributed on paper at the venue of the event.

Therefore, the delegates are requested to bring with them copies of the documents. In the nearest future the documents will be posted at the following link <http://www.unwto.org/conferences/ec/ec.php?lang=E> and will be also sent to the delegates by e-mail.

## 11. INTERNET ACCESS

A room equipped with several computers with free Internet connection will be set up and made available to the delegates. The Sheraton hotel also offers a fully equipped Business Centre and a high-speed Wi-Fi connection in all its meeting spaces (on a pay basis).

## 12. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

A provisional list of participants will be available for consultation at the information desk.

The final list of participants, prepared on the basis of the data entered by delegates and observers in their registration forms, will be posted later on the UNWTO website.

### 13. SOCIAL PROGRAMME<sup>5</sup>

#### *Sunday, 6 June*

- 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.            Excursion organized by the Argentinian government to Iguazu Falls
- 8 p.m.                      Welcome reception hosted by the Argentinian government in Puerto Iguazú

#### *Monday, 7 June*

- 4.30 p.m.                 Technical visit and light show in Itaipú and welcome reception at the Paraná Country Club (Ciudad del Este) hosted by the Government of Paraguay

#### *Tuesday, 8 June*

- 7 p.m.                      Closing ceremony and dinner hosted by the Government of Brazil in Foz do Iguacu

### 14. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **Local currency and exchange rates:**
  - Argentina's official currency is the peso (ARS). The exchange rate applicable in March 2010 is 3.85 ARS to 1 US dollar.
  - Brazil's official currency is the real. The exchange rate applicable in March 2010 is approximately 1.82 reals to 1 US dollar.
  - Paraguay's official currency is the guarani (PYG). The exchange rate in March 2010 is 4700 PYG to 1 US dollar.
  
- **Climate:** The region has a humid subtropical climate with no dry season. The average temperature in this area in June is 16° C, with pleasant conditions during the day and cool, sometimes cold, nights with possible precipitation.
  
- **Official language:** Spanish is the official language of Argentina and Paraguay. Portuguese is the official language of Brazil.
  
- **Clothing:** For meetings, women generally wear normal business attire and men a jacket and tie. For the excursion to Iguazu Falls, sports/casual clothes and comfortable closed shoes are recommended.

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<sup>5</sup> Local time of Puerto Iguazú, Argentina.



- **Local time:** GMT-3 in Argentina and Brazil; and GMT-4 in Paraguay.
- **Electricity:** The electric current in the three countries is 220 volts (electrical outlets take plugs with three flat prongs).

## 15. TOURIST INFORMATION

ARGENTINA:

<http://www.turismo.gov.ar/>

<http://www.iguazuturismo.gov.ar/>

BRAZIL:

<http://www.embratur.gov.br>

[http://www.braziltour.com/site/es/cidades/materia.php?id\\_cidade=1122](http://www.braziltour.com/site/es/cidades/materia.php?id_cidade=1122)

PARAGUAY:

<http://www.senatur.gov.py>

<http://www.senatur.gov.py/region4.php?language=1>