



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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28th Meeting of the Standing Committee

Bonn, 21-22 April 2005

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FACT SHEET

I. Meeting Venue

The meeting will take place at the Federal Environment Ministry (Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit) in Bonn. See the attached map.

A post office, public coin and card telephone, a cash point (EC card, bit credit card) and cloakroom with lockers are found on the ground floor.

The meeting room is located on the first floor and will be signposted.

Address:

Federal Environment Ministry
(Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit)
Robert-Schumann Platz 3
D-53175 Bonn
Tel: +49 (1888) 305-0
Fax: +49 (1888) 305-3225

How to get to the venue:

The venue is accessible from the city centre by tram (U-bahn); travelling from the main railway station (Hauptbahnhof) in the city centre, take tram 66 (direction Bad Honnef) to the “Robert Schumann Platz” stop. The trip from the Hauptbahnhof takes about 10-15 minutes. Upon arrival at Robert Schumann Platz, exit the station and walk to the entrance of the green building to your left. The meeting venue is inside.

II. Opening

The meeting will be opened at 09.00 on Thursday, 21 April 2005.

III. Transport

Bonn is well connected to the rail network with a main line central train station (Hauptbahnhof). It is located approximately twenty minutes journey time south of Cologne and two hours north-west of Frankfurt/Main. There is an international airport serving Cologne/Bonn. The taxi fare from the airport to the city centre is approximately € 35, but there is also a bus service (no 670) to the city centre (opposite the main railway station (Hauptbahnhof)) costing € 5.50.

For reasons of economy, this document is made available on the website <www.cms.int> will not be distributed at the meeting. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copy to the meeting and not to request additional copies.

Delegates arriving at Frankfurt International Airport may wish to take the train to Bonn. There is high-speed train service (ICE) between the airport and Cologne. Travel time is approximately 40 minutes. Departure is from the long-distance train station (Fernbahnhof) in the airport complex. The direction is Cologne. The station stop for Bonn is the town of Siegburg. Taxis are available for approximately 30 € from Siegburg to the Bonn city centre.

Normal train service between Frankfurt International Airport and Bonn is also available (from the long-distance train station (Fernbahnhof) in the airport). Travel time is approximately 1 hour 45 minutes. This trip along the Rhine River is one of the most scenic train trips in Germany and brings you directly into the city centre of Bonn.

IV. Hotel accommodation

The Secretariat has arranged block reservations for all Standing Committee members in the Hotel SCHWAN. The hotel is situated in the city centre of Bonn, close (0.5km) to the main railway station (Hauptbahnhof).

Address

Hotel SCHWAN
Mozartstrasse 24-26
53115 Bonn
Tel: +49 (0228) 634108
Fax: +49 (0228) 651793

Non-sponsored delegates will be responsible for paying for their hotel accommodation and other expenses.

V. Daily Subsistence Allowance (sponsored delegates)

Those delegates sponsored to attend the Standing Committee meeting can collect DSAs from the Secretariat between 14.00-17.00 hours on the first day of the meeting.

VI. Travel

Those delegates sponsored to attend the Standing Committee meeting should approach the Secretariat regarding air ticket confirmations no later than the first day of the meeting.

VII. Weather

The meeting is being held from 21-22 April, which is springtime in Bonn. The weather in Bonn is usually mild and pleasant during these days. The average temperature is 18°C. However, do not forget to bring your raincoat, umbrella and a pullover since weather in Northern Europe is at best unpredictable and it can be cool.

VIII. Currency

Germany's currency is the Euro (€). As at 1 March 2005 the exchange rate was 0.76 € for 1 US\$. Credit cards are accepted in the hotel, and in most restaurants in Bonn, but not in many shops.

IX. Visas

An official letter of invitation has been sent to each of the participants. This can be used with your visa application to apply for a German visa. Visas can be obtained from your nearest German embassy or consulate. Please contact the Secretariat immediately if you have difficulty obtaining a visa.

X. Communications

The hotel has a modern communication system (national and international). The participants are responsible for paying their private telephone calls and faxes. The hotel fixes the prices.

XI. Working language of the meeting

The meeting's working languages will be English, French and Spanish. Interpretation for these languages and German will be provided.

XII. Identification badges

All delegates will receive an identification badge. You are requested to wear this badge during all official functions to gain access to the venue.

XIII. Documents

Documents will be distributed via the CMS website before the meeting in English, French and Spanish. **There will be no paper copies.**

Delegates are kindly reminded to please bring meeting documentation with them as they will not be available at the meeting facility.

XIV. Time zone

Germany is in the Central European Time zone.

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