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Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

(Quito, 5–9 November 2018)

Additional information

1. The Secretariat is providing in the current document, reissued information on visa requirements, new information on bus service from hotels in Quito to and from the Quorum Conference Center and other practical information.

I. Visa information

2. Ecuador allows entry to the country for up to 90 days without a visa for citizens of all countries who hold a passport that is valid for at least six months. However, nationals of the following countries require a courtesy visa prior to entry into the country:

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Cuba
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Ethiopia
- Eritrea
- Haiti
- Kenya
- Nepal
- Nigeria
- Pakistan
- Senegal
- Somalia

3. The courtesy visa, granted on an exceptional basis by the Ecuadorian Government to the participants for the Thirtieth Meeting of the Parties, will be issued exclusively for a maximum of 30 days stay. The following steps must be taken to obtain the courtesy visa:

(a) Participants must identify the Ecuadorian embassy closest to their residence, or that which is most convenient, on the website www.cancilleria.gob.ec/representaciones-en-el-exterior/ and inform the Ozone Secretariat, by sending an email to Ms. Kathleen Creavalle (kathleen.creavalle@un.org), with the following information:

- full name of the participant who will be submitting the visa application,
- copy of passport,
- arrival and departure dates and,
- and the embassy to which the visa application will be sent;

(b) The Ozone Secretariat will notify the Ecuadorian Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the forthcoming visa application by the participant, indicating the requested dates, the participant's nationality, the embassy to which the application will be submitted, and the arrival and departure dates;

(c) Participants shall submit the following documents to the selected Ecuadorian embassy by courier (express mail):

- Diplomatic, official or ordinary passport valid for at least six months;
- Completed form visa application form (to be requested from Ms. Kathleen Creavalle (kathleen.creavalle@un.org), with a recent passport-size colour photo, against a white background, signed by the participant;
- Individualized letter of invitation to the meeting from the Ozone Secretariat to be requested from Ms. Kathleen Creavalle (email: kathleen.creavalle@un.org);
- Prepaid courier envelope for return of the passport with a courtesy visa stamp, specifying the address to which the passport must be returned;
- Copy of the flight itinerary.

4. Participants are responsible for complying with the immigration requirements in the event that they have to travel via third countries (for example, countries in the Schengen area, the United States of America, Panama or any other country for which they require a visa).
5. All travellers must present the following documents upon arrival in Ecuador:
 - A passport valid for at least six months beyond their travel dates
 - A round-trip or onward air ticket

II. Transportation to and from the meeting venue

6. The Ecuadorian Government will provide transport for participants both ways between the Quorum and the following designated pickup points in the city of Quito.

No.	Pickup point	Nearby hotels
A1	Sheraton Quito Hotel parking lot Route: República del Salvador N36-212 and Avenida Naciones Unidas.	Sheraton
		Dann Carlton
		Akros
		Lugano Suites
		Best Western Plaza
A2	Hotel Wyndham Garden Quito parking lot Route: Alemania E5-103 and Republica	Wyndham Garden Quito
		Hotel República
B1	JW Marriott Hotel Quito parking lot Route: Orellana 1172 and Avenida Amazonas	JW Marriott Quito
		Holiday Inn
B2	Swissotel Quito parking lot Route: Avenida 12 de Octubre 1820 and Luis Cordero	Hotel Quito
		NH Collection Quito
		Swissotel Quito
C1	Reina Isabel Hotel parking lot Route: Avenida Amazonas N23-44 and Veintimilla	Reina Isabel
		Río Amazonas
		Embassy Quito
		Mercure Alameda
		Hilton Colón

7. Pickup times in the morning will be at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m., and in the evening at 7 p.m. and a later time to be announced daily during the meeting. The shuttle buses will wait up to 10 minutes for participants before setting off. Due to heavy rush hour traffic in the area of the meeting venue at Quorum, participants are strongly advised to leave the venue after 7 p.m. instead of immediately after the meeting ends at 6 p.m.
8. The Quito authorities will facilitate the movement of these vehicles by providing reserved routes and motorcycle escorts.

III. Local currency

9. Participants are advised to obtain or request bills of no more than US\$ 20, since it may be difficult to use higher-denomination notes outside the hotels. Major credit cards are accepted at most hotels, restaurants and other businesses.

IV. Local weather and time

10. The rainy season is between October and May. In November, temperatures in Quito typically range between 9°C and 19°C, and the weather can suddenly change from sunny and hot to rainy and cold. Participants are therefore advised to pack raincoats, hats, sunglasses, scarves and umbrellas. During the first 48 hours upon arrival in Quito, participants are advised not to drink alcohol, to avoid physical exertion and to stay hydrated, so as not to suffer the effects of altitude.

V. Other practical information

Restaurants and cafés

11. A food court with a variety of different restaurants, seating 500 people, is located on the upper level of the Paseo San Francisco Mall where the Quorum Conference is located.
12. At the Conference Centre participants will have access to a cafeteria serving drinks and snacks.

Drinking water

13. The drinking of tap water is not recommended. Participants are advised to drink the bottled water provided by the hotels or purchased from any shop.