AD HOC COMMITTEE MEETING TO PREPARE THE DRAFT TEXT OF
THE RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES OF THE
UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 26 JANUARY TO 6 FEBRUARY 2004

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Place, date and time:
The Conference will be held at the United Nations Office in Vienna, Vienna International Centre, Wagramer Strasse 5, 1220 Vienna, in the Boardroom (C04), from 26 January to 6 February 2004, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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Registration:
Participants may register for the Conference at the Registration Desk located in Gate 1 where all conference passes will be issued an hour before the opening session.

Transportation:
Participants are expected to arrange their own transportation to and from the Airport and the Conference Centre.

Visas:
For participants who require a visa for entry in Austria, you can secure your visas at the nearest Austrian diplomatic or consular office, or any diplomatic or consular authority of any State (Belgium, Germany, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Greece) participating in the Schengen Agreement and acting on behalf of Austria.

Hotel:
Participants should make their own hotel arrangements or contact their Permanent Missions in Vienna for assistance. Alternatively, participants could also access the web-site for online booking through the internet at the following address:

http://www.hotelclub.net/directcity.asp?id=147

Documentation:
Documentation will be electronically available in all the official United Nations languages at the Internet Page of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and could be accessed through the following address:


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Catering services
The catering services operate the following facilities in building F of the Vienna International Centre on the entrance level:

Cafeteria: Serves breakfast and lunch from 8.00 to 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Restaurant: 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Coffee corner: C07 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Bar: 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Weather:
Temperature in January ranges from -3 to +10°C.