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Western Asia Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Doha, 3-5 February 2014

Information note for participants

1. Date and venue

1. The Western Asia Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Thirteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will be held in Doha, from 3 to 5 February 2014. The venue will be the Sharq Village and Spa, operated by The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, B.V. The postal address of the venue is P.O. Box 26662, Ras Abu Abboud, Doha, Qatar. The telephone number is 00974 4425 6666 and the fax number is 00974 4425 6660.

2. Official languages

2. The Meeting will be conducted in Arabic and English.

3. Registration

3. All participants will be issued with an identification badge, which should be worn at all times during the Meeting. The registration desk will be at the meeting venue and will be open from 8 to 10 a.m. on Monday 3 February 2014. Meetings will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 to 6 p.m. daily.

4. Documentation

4. Documents may be downloaded from the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (www.unodc.org/unodc/en/crime-congress-preparatory-meetings/RPM2014-western-asia.html). Participants are urged to bring copies of the documents with them to Doha. Only a limited number of copies will be available during the Meeting.

5. Servicing of the Meeting

5. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is responsible for the substantive servicing of the Meeting.



6. The Government of Qatar is hosting the Meeting.

6. Hotel reservations

7. Participants in the Meeting are required to make their own accommodation arrangements. The hotel which is the venue of the Meeting is recommended to participants:

Hotel: Sharq Village and Spa

Tel.: 00974 4425 6666

Fax: 00974 4425 6660

E-mail: rc.dohsq.leads@ritzcarlton.com

Price: For a double room, approximately US\$ 220; for a single room, approximately US\$ 249

7. Transportation

8. Participants are required to make their own transportation arrangements to and from the airport upon arrival and departure. The Sharq Village and Spa Hotel will, upon request, arrange transportation between the hotel and the airport.

9. Taxi fares from the airport are approximately US\$ 10, or US\$ 36 for a limousine.

8. Immigration requirements

10. Delegates are required to be in possession of a valid passport. For information on visa requirements for Qatar, please consult the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<http://mofa.gov.qa/en/Pages/default.aspx>). If a visa is required, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Lyes Boucherit at the following e-mail address: lboucherit@moi.gov.qa.

9. Foreign exchange

11. The currency of Qatar is the riyal (QR), which is fixed to the United States dollar at the rate of \$1 = QR 3.64. There are 100 dirhams to the riyal. Notes are in denominations of QR 500, 100, 50, 10, 5 and 1. Coins are in denominations of 50, 25, 10, 5 and 1 dirhams, of which, only the 50 and 25 dirham coins are in wide circulation; minting of the rest ceased in the 1970s and the smaller denomination coins are becoming ever scarcer.

12. Major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club) and traveller's cheques in principal currencies are generally accepted in large hotels, restaurants, department stores and several other large shops. Traveller's cheques and bank notes in all major currencies may be exchanged at all commercial banks and most hotels and foreign exchange counters. ATM services are also available.

10. Climate

13. The month of February is characterized by a daily high temperature that increases from 22°C to 25°C over the course of the month, exceeding 28°C or dropping below 19°C only on one day in 10.

11. Liaison officer

14. Additional information about the Meeting and its programme can be obtained from the secretariat of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (e-mail: maureen.mcgregor@unodc.org).

12. Health

15. Participants are advised to consult travel agents or the appropriate authorities in their own countries in order to obtain up-to-date information on health requirements.
