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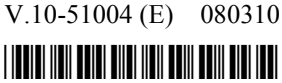

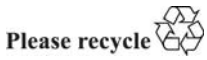

I. Background

1. The United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice trace their origin to the international penitentiary congresses that had been organized by the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission (IPPC) since the nineteenth century. The General Assembly, in its resolution 415 (V), authorized the transfer of the functions of IPPC to the United Nations, and approved the initiative whereby the United Nations would undertake, inter alia, to convene every five years a worldwide congress, so as to provide a forum for discussion of priority concerns by policymakers, administrators, academicians and other professionals in the field. Those intergovernmental forums have served as a stimulus for work in the field of criminal justice and the interest generated by them over the years has increased considerably. The First United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders was attended by 61 countries and territories, while the Eleventh Congress was attended by over 3,000 participants, including representatives of 129 Governments of whom 88 were at the ministerial level or Heads of State. A similar, if not higher, attendance is expected at the Twelfth Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, to be held in Salvador, Brazil, from 12 to 19 April 2010.

2. The statement of principles and programme of action of the crime prevention and criminal justice programme of the United Nations, annexed to General Assembly resolution 46/152, stipulates, in paragraph 29, that:

> "The United Nations congresses …, as a consultative body of the programme, shall provide a forum for:
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> "(a) The exchange of views between States, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and individual experts representing various professions and disciplines;
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> "(b) The exchange of experiences in research, law and policy development;
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> "(c) The identification of emerging trends and issues in crime prevention and criminal justice;
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> "(d) The provision of advice and comments to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on selected matters submitted to it by the Commission;
>
> "(e) The submission of suggestions, for the consideration of the Commission, regarding possible subjects for the programme of work."

3. To date, 11 congresses have been held. The First Congress was held in Geneva in 1955; the Second Congress, with the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland acting as host, was held in London in 1960; the Third Congress, with the Government of Sweden acting as host, was held in Stockholm in 1965; the Fourth Congress, with the Government of Japan acting as host, was held in Kyoto in 1970; the Fifth Congress was held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, in 1975; the Sixth Congress, with the Government of Venezuela acting as host, was held in Caracas in 1980; the Seventh Congress, with the Government of Italy acting as host, was held in Milan in 1985; the Eighth Congress,

with the Government of Cuba acting as host, was held in Havana in 1990; the Ninth Congress, with the Government of Egypt acting as host, was held in Cairo in 1995; the Tenth Congress was held in Vienna in 2000; and the Eleventh Congress was held in Bangkok in 2005.

4. The Ninth Congress was the first to be held after the establishment of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. That Congress invited the Commission to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group to consider measures for combating transnational organized crime and to request the views of Governments on the development of relevant international instruments. The results achieved by the working group led to the establishment by the General Assembly of an Ad Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of a Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the subsequent negotiation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (General Assembly resolution 55/25, annex I) and three supplementary protocols, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (resolution 55/25, annex II); the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Air and Sea (resolution 55/25, annex III); and the Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition (resolution 55/255, annex).

5. The Tenth Congress was the first to include in its proceedings a high-level segment, which adopted by acclamation the Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century (General Assembly resolution 55/59, annex), in which Member States pledged to take resolute and speedy measures to combat terrorism, trafficking in human beings, illicit trade in firearms, smuggling of migrants and the estimated $600-billion money-laundering business. States further committed themselves to taking enhanced international action against corruption. It also stressed the need for an effective international legal instrument, independent of the Organized Crime Convention. Considerable attention was also paid to the need to address the rising tide of computer-related crime and crime resulting from xenophobia and ethnic hatred.

6. The Eleventh Congress allowed the international community to exchange expertise and views on how best to deal with new challenges posed by all forms of crime, especially in view of the interconnected nature of those crimes and their serious impact on security, stability and development, as highlighted in the report of the High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change entitled “A more secure world: our shared responsibility” (A/59/565 and Corr.1) and in the report of the Secretary-General entitled “In larger freedom: towards development, security and human rights for all” (A/59/2005).

7. The Eleventh Congress was the first Congress to be held after the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) was entrusted to serve as the guardian for the promotion and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols thereto and the United Nations Convention against Corruption. As such, the Eleventh Congress provided a platform for the organization of a special treaty event during its high-level segment. Member States were given the opportunity to undertake treaty actions both at the Congress and at United Nations Headquarters. In total, 16 treaty actions were undertaken on the occasion of the Eleventh Congress.

8. In addition, the Eleventh Congress adopted by acclamation the Bangkok Declaration on Synergies and Responses: Strategic Alliances in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (General Assembly resolution 60/177, annex), which was considered to be a crucial political document laying the foundation and showing the direction for strengthening international coordination and cooperation efforts to prevent and combat crime. In the Declaration, Member States, inter alia, reaffirmed their readiness to seek to improve international cooperation in the fight against crime and terrorism, at the multilateral, regional and bilateral levels, in areas including, among others, extradition and mutual legal assistance; welcomed the entry into force of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and two of its Protocols; and called upon States that had not yet done so to seek to ratify or accede to and implement the provisions of the Organized Crime Convention and its Protocols as well as the provisions of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the international instruments against terrorism.

9. In its resolution 56/119, the General Assembly decided that each congress shall adopt a single declaration. In its resolution 64/180, the Assembly requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice to begin preparation of a draft declaration at intersessional meetings to be held well in advance of the Twelfth Congress, taking into account the recommendations of the regional preparatory meetings. At its nineteenth session, which will be held following the Twelfth Congress, from 17 to 21 May 2010, the Commission will give priority attention to the conclusions and recommendations of the Twelfth Congress, with a view to recommending, through the Council, appropriate follow-up by the Assembly.

10. The following regional preparatory meetings were held to prepare for the Twelfth Congress: the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting, held in San José from 25 to 27 May 2009; the Western Asian Regional Preparatory Meeting, held in Doha from 1 to 3 June 2009; the Asian and Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting, held in Bangkok from 1 to 3 July 2009 and the African Regional Preparatory Meeting, held in Nairobi from 8 to 10 September 2009

II. Date and venue

11. In its resolution 62/173, the General Assembly accepted with gratitude the offer of the Government of Brazil to act as host to the Twelfth Congress. The Bahia Convention Centre (Centro de Convenções da Bahia) in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, will be the venue of the Twelfth Congress, to be held from 12 to 19 April 2010. A floor plan of the Centre is contained in annex I to the present document.

III. High-level segment

12. A high-level segment will be held from the afternoon of Saturday, 17 April 2010 to the morning of Monday, 19 April 2010, to allow Heads of State or Government, government ministers or other high-level representatives to focus on the main substantive agenda items of the Congress. The list of speakers will be opened on 8 March 2010.

13. It may be wished to follow established practice at the Twelfth Congress by offering an opportunity during the high-level segment for political leaders of Member States to deposit instruments of ratification or accession to the international instruments against transnational organized crime, corruption and terrorism. States wishing to undertake treaty action at such an event are requested to inform the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat of their intention to do so and submit copies of instruments of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, including, where appropriate, texts of declarations, reservations and notifications, to the Treaty Section by 19 March 2010 for verification.

14. More information on treaties related to transnational organized crime, terrorism and corruption is available on the websites of the Treaty Section (http://treaties.un.org) and UNODC (www.unodc.org).

IV. Appointment of the Secretary-General and the Executive Secretary of the Twelfth Congress

15. In its resolution 63/193, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to appoint a Secretary-General and an Executive Secretary of the Twelfth Congress, in accordance with past practice, to perform their functions under the rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on crime prevention and criminal justice.

16. The Secretary-General of the United Nations has appointed Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director of UNODC and Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna, Secretary-General of the Twelfth Congress. The Secretary-General appointed John Sandage, Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Treaty Affairs of UNODC, Executive Secretary of the Twelfth Congress.

V. Pre-Congress consultations

17. Pre-Congress consultations will take place at 3 p.m. on 11 April 2010 in the Plenary Hall, located in Pavilion A. The purpose of the pre-Congress consultations is to reach agreement on the recommendations to be made on all procedural and organizational matters to be dealt with by the Congress on the opening day, such as the election of officers and composition of the General Committee, the adoption of the agenda and organization of work and the appointment of members of the Credentials Committee.

VI. Opening of the Twelfth Congress and seating arrangements

18. The formal opening of the Twelfth Congress will take place on Monday, 12 April 2010 at 10 a.m. and will be held in the Plenary Hall. Delegates are requested to be in their seats by 9.45 a.m.

19. For the opening, each government delegation will be assigned four seats, two at the table plus two in the row behind. Specifically identified seating will be available for other participants in the Congress.

20. Committee I will start in Conference Room I on 12 April 2010 in the afternoon. Committee II will start in Conference Room II on 12 April 2010 in the afternoon. Each government delegation will be assigned two seats. Specifically identified seating will be available for other participants in the Congress.

21. Participants are kindly requested to note that mobile telephones should be either switched off or switched to "silent" mode during the entire proceedings of the Congress.

VII. General theme, agenda and programme of work

22. In its resolution 63/193, the General Assembly decided that the main theme of the Twelfth Congress would be "Comprehensive strategies for global challenges: crime prevention and criminal justice systems and their development in a changing world". At the opening of the Congress, a representative of UNODC will present the overview of the Secretary-General on the state of crime and criminal justice worldwide (A/CONF.213/3).

23. The substantive agenda items to be considered by the Congress, as approved by the Assembly, are as follows:

(a) Children, youth and crime;

(b) Provision of technical assistance to facilitate the ratification and implementation of the international instruments related to the prevention and suppression of terrorism;

(c) Making the United Nations guidelines on crime prevention work;

(d) Criminal justice responses to the smuggling of migrants and trafficking in persons, and links to transnational organized crime;

(e) International cooperation to address money-laundering based on relevant United Nations and other instruments;

(f) Recent developments in the use of science and technology by offenders and by competent authorities in fighting crime, including the case of cybercrime;

(g) Practical approaches to strengthening international cooperation in fighting crime-related problems;

(h) Crime prevention and criminal justice responses to violence against migrants, migrant workers and their families.

24. Annotations on the substantive agenda items of the Congress are contained in document A/CONF.213/1. A discussion guide on those themes has been issued as document A/CONF.213/PM.1. Documents are available from http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/crime-congress/12th-crime-congress.html.

25. The General Assembly decided that the following issues should be considered in workshops within the framework of the Twelfth Congress:

(a) International criminal justice education for the rule of law;

(b) Survey of United Nations and other best practices in the treatment of prisoners in the criminal justice system;

(c) Practical approaches to preventing urban crime;

(d) Links between drug trafficking and other forms of organized crime: international coordinated response;

(e) Strategies and best practices against overcrowding in correctional facilities.

26. The Assembly also decided that the Twelfth Congress should hold a high-level segment, which will be held from the afternoon of 17 April 2010 to the morning of 19 April 2010, to allow Heads of State or Government and Government ministers to focus on the main substantive agenda items of the Congress. The high-level segment will provide an opportunity for high-level representatives of Governments to inform the Congress of progress made in their countries in crime prevention and criminal justice, discuss the experience of their Governments in undertaking criminal justice reform and exchange views on good and promising practices in that field.

27. A proposed timetable for the work of the Congress will be circulated for consideration by the Congress in document A/CONF.213/1, and the programme of meetings will be printed in the daily Journal, giving details about the daily activities and information such as titles, times and locations of meetings, agenda items to be considered and relevant documentation.

28. In addition to the discussions in plenary, the two committees and the five technical workshops, a large number of ancillary meetings will be organized, primarily by non-governmental organizations, on specific topics. They will feature distinguished speakers and interesting issues likely to generate lively discussion. The programme of ancillary meetings to be held at the Twelfth Congress is now being drawn up. The programme may be obtained from the official website of the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network of collaborating institutes (www.ispac-italy.org).

VIII. Participation and costs

29. In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure for the Twelfth Congress (A/CONF.213/2), the following may attend or be represented at the Congress:

(a) Member States of the United Nations;

(b) Associate members of the regional commissions of the United Nations;

(c) Organizations that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 3237 (XXIX), 3280 (XXIX) and 31/152;

(d) Organs of the United Nations;

(e) Specialized agencies of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency;

(f) Intergovernmental organizations;

(g) Non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

(h) Individual experts in the field of crime prevention and the treatment of offenders invited by the Secretary-General, such as members of teaching staff at universities, of criminological institutes and of national non-governmental organizations for crime prevention and criminal justice, members of courts and bar associations, social workers, youth workers, specialists in education, specialists in behavioural sciences, police officials and the like;

(i) Officials of the Secretariat;

(j) Other persons invited by the United Nations;

(k) Other persons invited by the host Government.

30. Individual experts who wish to participate are advised to communicate their interest to the Executive Secretary of the Congress at their earliest convenience. Provisions governing Congress participants who are not delegates of Member States are set out in the provisional rules of procedure for the Twelfth Congress (A/CONF.213/2). The Congress is also open to representatives of the private sector and civil society.

31. All costs of participation will be the responsibility of participating Governments for their delegations, of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations for their representatives and of individuals for their own participation. There is no registration fee to participate in the Twelfth Congress. Limited funds are available to assist least developed countries with participation.

IX. Registration

32. In accordance with rules 1-3 of the provisional rules of procedure for the Twelfth Congress, the delegation of each State participating in the Congress should consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternate representatives and advisers as may be required. The credentials (full name, title, address, facsimile and e-mail address) of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be submitted to the Executive Secretary of the Congress, if possible not later than two weeks before the opening of the Congress. Any changes in the composition of delegations should be submitted, in writing, by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs to the Executive Secretary of the Congress.

33. The contact address for the Executive Secretary of the Twelfth Congress is:

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34. Admission to the Bahia Convention Centre (Centro de Convenções da Bahia) will require the presentation of identification cards at all times. All participants can pre-register online. Governments and organizations pre-registering online should ensure that the information on the composition of their delegation includes the individual e-mail addresses. Individual experts also wishing to pre-register online should ensure that they provide an e-mail address to the Congress secretariat when confirming their participation. Providing individual e-mail addresses will ensure that representatives receive an automatic e-mail response confirming their registration. The automatic e-mail response will also contain a link enabling participants to upload a photograph. Please note that only if both requirements are met (provision of e-mail address and uploading of a photograph in JPEG format) can badges be pre-printed and made available to be picked up at the registration area of the Bahia Convention Centre. E-mail addresses of representatives should be submitted to the Secretariat not later than 31 March 2010.

35. Participants who do not complete the pre-registration procedure must follow the normal procedure of having a photograph taken and a badge issued upon their arrival at the registration area of the Bahia Convention Centre.

36. As part of the security arrangements, all participants in the Congress will be required to present their invitations or credentials together with their passports at the entrance before proceeding to the registration area of the Bahia Convention Centre, to register and collect their security passes for the Congress. Security passes must be worn visibly at all times at the Congress venue. All persons and their bags/luggage will be screened at the entrance to the Bahia Convention Centre.

37. On-site registration will begin on Friday, 9 April 2010, at 10 a.m., and the desk will remain open until 6 p.m. The registration desk will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. from 10 to 19 April 2010. For the high-level segment, the registration desk will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on 16 and 17 April. Given the large number of participants expected for the Congress, delegates and representatives arriving during the week before the opening of the Congress are encouraged to register as early as possible.

Registration of Heads of State and ministers

38. It is strongly recommended that delegations submit to the secretariat the names and photographs, in JPEG format, of ministers or other delegates of similar or higher rank in advance in order to expedite preparation of VIP badges and minimize inconvenience. Those badges will be ready for collection by an authorized person at the registration desk upon arrival. Questions regarding VIP badges should be sent by e-mail to Lieutenant Imad Ahmad Zaher (imad.ahmad.zaher@unvienna.org) of the United Nations Security and Safety Service.

Vehicle passes

39. Parking permits will be issued by the host country authorities at the information desk located in Parking Lot B. Delegations are advised to obtain their vehicle parking permits before the opening day of the Congress to allow for easier access to the venue premises

Registration of members of the press and the media

40. Media representatives are required to apply for accreditation with the United Nations Information Service, Vienna, preferably in advance of the session. Accreditation is also possible at the press registration counter, located in the registration area of the Bahia Convention Centre. For further information on media arrangements, including online registration procedures, please refer to section XII below.

Registration of family members accompanying delegates and participants

41. Delegates and participants wishing to bring family members are encouraged to do so. Those persons will be issued with family badges, which will allow access to the Bahia Convention Centre.

X. Languages and documentation

42. The six official languages of the Twelfth Congress are Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. Statements made in a language of the Congress during the meetings of the Plenary, Committee I and Committee II will be interpreted into the other languages of the Congress. A representative may speak in a language other than the languages of the Congress if he or she informs the secretariat beforehand and provides for interpretation into one of the official languages of the Congress. Official United Nations documents of the Congress will be made available in the six official languages of the Congress. The Brazilian National Organizing Committee for the Congress has arranged for interpretation

from and into English and Portuguese for all plenary, committee I and II meetings and for press briefings.

43. Each seat in the Congress halls at the Bahia Convention Centre in which simultaneous interpretation is available will be provided with a portable receiving set and a headphone. Participants are requested not to remove these from the meeting rooms so that the equipment may be checked and, if necessary, batteries may be recharged before the next meeting takes place.

44. UNODC has prepared documents to facilitate consideration of each item of the provisional agenda of the Congress, as well as background papers for the workshops. In addition, the Congress will have before it other documents, such as the discussion guide and the reports of the regional preparatory meetings. Those documents may be downloaded from the UNODC website for the Twelfth Congress (http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/crime-congress/12th-crime-congress.html) or from the official website of the Host Government for the Twelfth Congress (http://www.crimecongress2010.com.br).

45. As part of the secretariat's efforts to reduce expenditure and limit environmental impact through the digitization of conference materials and publications, pre-session documents will be available at the Congress venue in limited number. Each delegation will receive a single, complete set of the documents in the language of its choice. Delegates are therefore kindly requested to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents to the Congress.

46. Memory sticks containing pre-session documentation and publications related to the Congress will be distributed to participants at the Congress registration area. Participants will receive only one memory stick at the time of picking up their Congress badge.

47. The main documents distribution counter will be located in Pavilion A of the Bahia Convention Centre. Each delegation will be assigned an individual pigeonhole at the documents distribution counter, in which all documents issued during the Congress will be placed. To determine exact requirements for in-session documents, each delegation is requested to advise the documents distribution counter of its requirements, specifying the number of copies of each document needed and the language (or languages) in which it wishes to receive them during the Congress. The quantity requested should be sufficient to cover all requirements, as it will not be possible to request additional copies.

XI. Submission of papers

48. In its resolution 64/180, the General Assembly encouraged Governments to submit national position papers on the various substantive items of the agenda and called for contributions from the academic community and relevant scientific institutions. To the extent possible, those reports should contain specific recommendations to be considered by the Congress, including recommendations to be included in the declaration to be adopted. They may also contain relevant research findings, examples of best practices and indications of ways to further common objectives and joint strategies with the United Nations and other

stakeholders. Assessments of existing needs could be accompanied by proposals for meeting them.

49. National statements and/or position papers prepared by participating States will be distributed at the Congress in the languages and quantities provided by the Governments. It is suggested that the following minimum numbers of copies be provided:

	Minimum number of copies					
Language combination	*Arabic*	*Chinese*	*English*	*French*	*Russian*	*Spanish*
Arabic and English only	175	-	425	-	-	-
Chinese and English only	-	10	425	-	-	-
English only	-	-	600	-	-	-
English and French only	-	-	425	175	-	-
English, French and Spanish only	-	-	375	125	-	100
English and Russian only	-	-	425	-	100	-
English and Spanish only	-	-	425	-	-	175

50. If the suggested number of copies cannot be provided, 300 is the absolute minimum number necessary for distribution to cover one copy per delegation and limited copies for secretariat use. Reproduction facilities, operated on a commercial basis, will be available for delegates at the Congress site. However, it is strongly recommended that sufficient quantities be brought or shipped to the Congress site by delegations well before the Congress.

51. In order to properly identify the national papers as background documents to the Twelfth Congress, the symbol A/CONF.213/G/... (to be followed by the *name of the country*) should be clearly indicated on the upper right-hand corner of the cover page. When more than one paper is presented, each paper should be numbered sequentially after the name of the country (for example, A/CONF.213/G/[*name of the country*]/1, A/CONF.213/G/[*name of the country*]/2, ...). The cover page should, below that symbol, also indicate the date and language (or languages) of submission. Finally, to comply with United Nations practice, the following footnoted disclaimer should be included in the paper: “The designations employed, the presentation of material and the views expressed in the present paper are those of the Government of [*name of the country*] and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Secretariat of the United Nations.”

52. United Nations specialized agencies, funds and programmes, international governmental organizations and individual experts may submit background information on specific questions pertaining to the subject matter under consideration (see paras. 49 and 50 for recommended languages and quantities). An electronic version of papers should be sent to the secretariat at the following e-mail address: 12thcrime.congress@unodc.org. For inclusion on the Congress memory stick, electronic versions of the papers should be sent to the above-mentioned e-mail address not later than Friday, 19 March 2010.

53. Information copies of all national statements and/or position papers and other relevant documents should be submitted in electronic format as soon as possible to the Secretary of the Twelfth Congress:

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Twelfth United Nations Congress Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
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54. In order to ensure that national papers are available at the Congress without failure, sufficient time for delivery and customs clearance should be allowed, especially when air freight is not used. National papers should be clearly marked as such on the outside and inscribed "National paper of [name of country] for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice" and should be sent to Mr. Wandir Rodrigues Yassumoto at the Bahia Convention Centre. Mr. Yassumoto will store them on arrival and retrieve them for delegates contacting the National Organizing Committee at the Congress venue.

Contact details:

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For further information see the official website of the Host country for the Twelfth Congress (http://www.crimecongress2010.com.br).

XII. Information and the media

55. Regular United Nations media facilities will be available at the Twelfth Congress, including a press centre and a press briefing room. Interpretation from and into English and Portuguese will also be available for press briefing rooms.

56. Media representatives wishing to cover the Twelfth Congress must apply for accreditation before or during the Congress. The online application form is available from http://www.unis.unvienna.org/unis/en/media_accreditation.html.

57. Accredited media representatives will receive a special press pass allowing them access to the meetings, the side events and the press working area.

58. Although accreditation will also be available at the Congress venue starting on Friday, 9 April 2010, representatives of the media are strongly encouraged to obtain accreditation in advance to avoid delays in entering the Congress venue. For further information, contact:

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59. The media accreditation counter in the Bahia Convention Centre will be open starting on Friday, 9 April 2010. Completed accreditation application forms must be accompanied by a copy of a press card and/or a letter of assignment, issued on paper with an official letterhead and signed by the editor or bureau chief of the journalist's media organization. Press passes will be issued at the site of the Congress.

60. For further information for journalists, please see www.unis.unvienna.org. further information on the Congress is available from www.unodc.org/unodc/en/crime-congress/12th-crime-congress.html.

61. Wireless connectivity is available throughout the Convention Centre.

XIII. National Organizing Committee and Preparatory Office

62. As the host of the Twelfth Congress, the Government of Brazil has appointed a National Organizing Committee, headed by the Minister of Justice and coordinated by the following individuals:

(a) Mr. Romeu Tuma Júnior, National Secretary of Justice of Brazil and Chief Coordinator of the National Organizing Committee;

(b) Mr. Renato Halfen da Porciúncula, Coordinator of the National Organizing Committee.

63. The National Secretariat of Justice of Brazil has set up the Twelfth United Nations Congress Preparatory Office, which is the focal point for coordination with all the agencies involved, as well as with the United Nations itself, in preparing for the Congress.

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XIV. Visas, travel and hotel reservations

64. All participants are required to possess a valid passport and to obtain the appropriate entry visas before entering Brazil. Visas may be obtained from the nearest Brazilian embassy or consulate. Further information regarding visa requirements may be obtained from Brazilian embassies and consulates (see para. 66 below) or from the following websites: www.mre.gov.br and www.crimecongress2010.com.br.

65. Pursuant to the host country agreement signed by the United Nations and the Government of Brazil regarding the arrangements for the Congress, delegates designated to the Congress will not be charged a visa fee.

Embassies

66. A list of Brazilian embassies and consulates worldwide may be obtained at the following website addresses: www.mre.gov.br/ingles/endereco/embaixadas.php (for Brazilian embassies) and www.mre.gov.br/ingles/endereco/consulados.php (for Brazilian consulates). Should participants have difficulty in obtaining visas, they are advised to contact the National Organizing Committee (see para. 63 above).

Accommodation

67. Participants are required to make their own accommodation arrangements and are encouraged to book online whenever possible on the official website of the Host country for the Congress (www.crimecongress2010.com.br).

68. A complete list of recommended hotels and information about their location is available from the official website of the Host country for the Congress (www.crimecongress2010.com.br). **Only the recommended hotels listed will be provided with reinforced Brazilian security and a shuttle bus service to take participants to the Congress site in the mornings and return them to their hotels in the evenings.**

69. For those participants who have no Internet access, a hotel accommodation reservation form is attached (see annex II). This reservation form should be completed in full and faxed to the National Organizing Committee of Brazil at the number indicated on the form.

Hotel	*Room type*	*Rate (approximate equivalent in United States dollars, depending on the US$/R$ exchange rate)*	*Location/transport facilities*
Room rates over US$ 100			
Vila Galé Salvador	Standard	Single 120 Double 133	Located at Ondina beach; 20 minutes (11.6 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Atlantic Towers	Standard	Single 102 Double 102	Close to the city centre and to various beaches and points of touristic interest; 23 minutes (14 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Mercure Salvador Rio Vermelho	Standard	Single 114 Double 125	Located in front of the sea; 16 minutes (9.3 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
América Towers Hotel	Standard	Single 107 Double 107	Close to Salvador shopping mall; 5 minutes (2.8 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Aram Yami	Superior	Single 242 Double 242	Located in Salvador's historic centre; 18 minutes (9.6 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Zank Hotel	Superior	Single 237 Double 237	Located close to "Farol da Barra" (4.4 km); 16 minutes (9.5 km) by car to the Convention Centre.

Hotel	*Room type*	*Rate (approximate equivalent in United States dollars, depending on the US$/R$ exchange rate)*	*Location/transport facilities*
Fiesta Bahia Hotel	Standard	Single 189 Double 189	15 minutes by car from the Salvador's historic centre; 12 minutes (6.7 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Bahia Othon Palace	Standard	Single 173 Double 173	In front of the Barra beach; 20 minutes (12.5 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Portobello Ondina Praia	Standard	Single 103 Double 103	Close to Ondina beach; 20 minutes (12.5 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Tropical Bahia	Standard	Single 120 Double 138	5 km from Porto da Barra beach; 22 minutes (11.9 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Deville Salvador	Standard	Single 206 Double 233	300 meters from Itapuã beach; 18 minutes (11 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Pestana Bahia	Superior	Single 269 Double 269	In front of Rio Vermelho beach; 16 minutes (9.3 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Blue Tree Premium	Superior	Single 124 Double 124	In front of Rio Vermelho beach; 16 minutes (9.5 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Gran Hotel Stella Maris	Standard	Single 150 Double 150	Close to the airport; in front of Stella Maris beach; 23 minutes (13.3 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Hotel Catussaba Business	Standard	Single 124 Double 124	Located in front of the beach; 21 minutes (12.8 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Room rates US$ 70-100			
Sol Barra	Standard	Single 100 Double 100	10 meters from Barra beach; 24 minutes (15 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Sol Bahia	Standard	Single 100 Double 100	300 meters from Patamares beach; 8 minutes (6 km) by car to the Convention Centre.

Hotel	*Room type*	*Rate (approximate equivalent in United States dollars, depending on the US$/R$ exchange rate)*	*Location/transport facilities*
Sol Victória Marina	Standard	Single 100 Double 100	Close to Porto da Barra Beach; 22 minutes (12 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Pituba Plaza Hotel	Standard	Single 78 Double 78	4,2 km from Salvador Shopping Center; 10 minutes (5.2 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Porto Farol	Standard	Single 78 Double 78	Close to Porto and Barra beaches; Close to Barra Shopping Mall; 24 minutes (14 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Express Hotel	Standard	Single 91 Double 91	Located in the financial and commercial district of Salvador; 21 minutes (10.5 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Marazul Hotel	Standard	Single 94 Double 94	In front of the beach; 23 minutes (13.9 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Hotel Verdemar	Standard	Single 81 Double 92	In front of the beach; 11 minutes (6.4 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
	Superior	Single 92 Double 103	
Monte Pascoal Praia Hotel	Standard	Single 89 Double 89	Close to Farol da Barra beach (0.5 km); 24 minutes (14.2 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Provence Pituba Apart Hotel	Standard	Single 81 Double 81	Close to the commercial district of Salvador (0.5 km); 17 minutes (9.8 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Golden Park	Standard	Single 81 Double 97	70 meters from Pituba beach; 12 minutes (6.8 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Web Hotel	Standard	Single 70 Double 70	Next to Iguatemi shopping mall; 9 minutes (5.1 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Bahiamar	Standard	Single 91 Double 91	In front of Jardim de Alah beach; 7 minutes (4.4 km) by car to the Convention Centre.

Hotel	*Room type*	*Rate (approximate equivalent in United States dollars, depending on the US$/R$ exchange rate)*	*Location/transport facilities*
San Marco	Standard	Single 73 Double 78	In front of Armação beach; 1 minute (500 meters) by car to the Convention Centre.
Ondina Apart	Standard	Single 83 Double 91	Close to Ondina beach; 20 minutes (12.5 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Portal da Cidade	Standard	Single 70 Double 70	Close to Iguatemi shopping centre; 7 minutes (4.7 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Cocoon	Standard	Single 97 Double 97	200 meters from Jaguaribe beach; 10 minutes (6.3 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Sol Plaza	Standard	Single 70 Double 70	300 meters from the Convention Centre.
Mar Brasil Hotel	Standard	Single 72 Double 72	In front of Itapuã beach; 17 minutes (10.9 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Room rates US$ 40-70			
Pisa Plaza	Standard	Single 64 Double 64	Close to the business district of Salvador; 300 meters from the Convention Centre.
Grande Hotel da Barra	Standard	Single 60 Double 65	In front of Porto da Barra beach; 24 minutes (14.3 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Villa Romana Hotel	Standard	Single 52 Double 75	Close to Farol da Barra; 19 minutes (11.5 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Hotel Jaguaribe Praia	Standard	Single 54 Double 60	In front of Jaguaribe beach; 24 minutes (14.4 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Hotel Cores do Mar	Standard	Single 49 Double 65	In front of Patamares beach; 9 minutes (4.9 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Hotel Vilamar	Standard	Single 54 Double 70	In front of Amaralina beach; 13 minutes (7.8 km) by car to the Convention Centre.

Hotel	*Room type*	*Rate (approximate equivalent in United States dollars, depending on the US$/R$ exchange rate)*	*Location/transport facilities*
Hotel Praia da Sereia	Standard	Single 52 Double 60	200 meters from Itapuã beach; 15 minutes (9.2 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Patamares Praia Hotel	Standard	Single 41 Double 53	100 meters from Patamares beach; 7 minutes (4.5 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Hotel Atlântico Bahia	Standard	Single 65 Double 76	In front of Jardim de Alah; 6 minutes (2.9 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Ibis	Standard	Single 64 Double 64	In front of the beach; 16 minutes (9.3 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Hotel Oceânico Armação	Standard	Single 54 Double 54	In front of Armação beach; 8 minutes (3.7 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Oceânico Ondina	Standard	Single 54 Double 54	In front of Ondina beach; 17 minutes (10.4 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Colonial Chile Hotel	Standard	Single 54 Double 54	Located in Salvador's historic centre; 20 minutes (10.4 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Bahia Sol e Mar	Standard	Single 68 Double 68	In front of the Porto da Barra beach; 21 minutes (12.7 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Vila Velha	Standard	Single 65 Double 75	23 minutes (11.9 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
San Marino	Standard	Single 49 Double 60	In front of Barra beach; 22 minutes (13.4 km) by car to the Convention Centre.
Hotel Litorâneo	Standard	Single 49 Double 54	200 meters from Armação beach; 2 minutes (1.3 km) by car to the Convention Centre.

XV. Facilities at the Congress site

Restaurants

70. Two restaurants located on the ground floor will be made available to the delegates for lunch: one located in Pavilion C and the other in Parking Lot A, next to the registration area.

Delegates' Lounge

71. Coffee/snack bars with lounge furniture, telephones and photocopying facilities at participants' expense will be located on the ground floor next to the Plenary Hall in Pavilion A and next to the restaurant in Pavilion C for the use of delegates.

Cybercafe

72. A Cybercafe, providing independent Internet access and 30 personal computers, will be located next to the Plenary Hall in Pavilion A on the ground floor.

Medical/First aid room

73. First aid facilities will be located near the restaurant in Pavilion C on the ground floor and on the third floor.

Bank and post office

74. Banks and post offices will be located near the restaurant in Pavilion C on the ground floor.

Travel agency

75. For the convenience of participants wishing to reconfirm or change their flights and to book tourist tours, a travel agency will be located near the restaurant in Pavilion C on the ground floor.

Information counter

76. An information counter staffed with local staff (delegates' aides) will be set up in the corridor leading from the registration area to the Plenary Hall in Pavilion A on the ground floor.

XVI. Programme of social activities

Welcome reception

77. All participants are invited to the welcome reception on Monday, 12 April 2010, at 8:30 p.m., at which they will enjoy cocktails and traditional Brazilian performances.

78. Participants wishing to arrange social events are kindly requested to contact the Protocol Officer at the Congress at the following address:

Ms. Phillipa Lawrence, Protocol Officer
Office of the Director-General/Executive Director
United Nations Office at Vienna
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
Room E1413
P. O. Box 500
1400 Vienna
Austria

Telephone: (+43-1) 26060-5497
Facsimile: (+43-1) 26060-5929
E-mail: phillipa.lawrence@unvienna.org

XVII. Useful information about Salvador

Airport reception

79. A welcome area, fast-track immigration, arrival lounge and information desk will be set up at Guarulhos–Governador André Franco Montoro International Airport (São Paulo), Galeão–Antônio Carlos Jobim International Airport (Rio de Janeiro), Presidente Juscelino Kubitschek International Airport (Brasilia), Gilberto Freyre-Guararapes International Airport (Recife) and Deputado Luís Eduardo Magalhães International Airport (Salvador) to assist participants arriving for the Twelfth Congress. In Salvador, a shuttle bus service to officially recommended hotels will be arranged free of charge for participants.

80. Alternatively, participants may take a public taxi to their hotels. The fare depends on the distance travelled. Participants are advised to contact the information desk at the airport for assistance.

Transportation to and from the Congress venue

81. Shuttle buses will transport participants mornings and evenings to and from the officially recommended hotels. Alternatively, participants are required to make their own arrangements for transportation to and from the Congress venue. The easiest way is to take a taxi.

Salvador

82. Salvador is the capital of the state of Bahia, one of the 27 federative units of Brazil, and is located in the south of the north-eastern region of Brazil. It is the third largest city in Brazil and has approximately 3 million inhabitants. The natural beauty of the city and the richness of the local culture are reflected in the local cuisine, music, religion and architectural distinctiveness, all of which have attracted the attention of many people from around the world, making Salvador one of the main tourist destinations of Brazil.

83. Known for their joy, happiness, originality and creativity, the people of Bahia are heavily involved in cultural and artistic activities. Salvador hosts a series of festivities throughout the entire year, the most traditional one being the “Carnaval”.

Security tips

84. Salvador is a very pleasant place to visit. Nevertheless, some precautions should be taken, as street crime might be a problem, as in other major metropolitan cities in the world.

85. As a first step, exercise the same level of precaution that you would when visiting a major metropolitan destination in your country. When in Salvador, take the precautionary steps that you would take at night in any other major city.

86. Expensive cameras and jewelry should be carried or worn discreetly.

87. Purses and wallets can attract attention. Use a money belt or a concealed money pouch for passports, cash and other valuables. Carry only small amounts of cash and a copy of your passport. Carry only the credit cards that you are going to need, not all of them.

88. Contact your nearest embassy or consulate immediately if your passport and/or documents are lost or stolen.

89. Whenever possible, do not travel alone. In case you travel to isolated areas, go with a group or a reputable guide.

90. Use registered taxis (radio taxis). Ask for advice at your hotel's reception desk.

91. Always carry emergency contact information with you, including a contact in Brazil and a contact at home.

92. If you are confronted by a violent situation or are shoved or pushed, DO NOT REACT. Immediately after the incident, report it to the District Police or the Tourist Police station (see the address and telephone number on the police site).

93. In doubt, please contact the National Organizing Committee of Brazil.

Climate

94. Brazil enjoys a wide range of weather conditions across a large area and varied topography, but most of the country has a tropical climate. At the time of the Twelfth Congress, the weather in Salvador is expected to be warm and humid, with average temperatures of about 27-35° C (81-95° F). Light, loose clothing is recommended.

Language

95. Portuguese is the official language of Brazil. However, English and other European languages are widely understood and spoken in most hotels, shops and restaurants in major tourist areas of Salvador.

Currency

96. The unit of currency in Brazil is the real. Bank notes are issued in denominations of 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100. There are also 5, 10, 25 and 50-cent coins and 1 real and 2 reals coins. Please note that new bank notes were introduced in February 2010 and that the new and old notes are both in circulation.

97. Major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club) are generally accepted in leading hotels, restaurants, department stores and several large stores. Traveller's cheques and notes in all major foreign currencies may be exchanged at all commercial banks and most hotels and foreign exchange counters.

Time

98. The time in Salvador, Brazil is three hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT -03:00).

Taxes and tipping

99. All taxes are included in the sale price of all goods and services in Brazil.

100. Tipping has now become the usual practice in Brazil. It is customary to tip porters and hotel staff who have given good personal service. However, it is not necessary to tip taxi drivers and cinema ushers. Usually, the service charge is already included in the bill at restaurants.

Electricity

101. The electric current in Brazil is 110 volts (50 hertz) and 220 volts (50 hertz) depending on the location. In Salvador, the electric current is 110 volts AC (50 Hertz). However, rooms in leading hotels may have 220-volt outlets. As various kinds of plugs and sockets are in use, participants should bring a plug adapter kit for shavers, tape recorders and other small appliances.

Telephone services and useful telephone numbers

102. Telephone services are available in hotels, restaurants, cafes and call boxes (card-operated). To use, insert a phone card, dial a number, then speak:

For Salvador calls: dial phone number; for example, 3204-1010.

For provincial calls: dial 0 + operator (Embratel: 21; Oi: 31; Vesper: 23) + area code + phone number; for example, 0 21-61-2025-9600 (21 is Embratel and 61 is the area code for Brasilia).

For international direct calls: dial 00 + operator (Embratel: 21) country code + area code + phone number; 00 21-43-1-26060-XXXX (21 is Embratel, 43 is Austria, 1 is Vienna and 26060 is the UNODC prefix).

To make operator-assisted international calls: dial 0800-703-2111 (Embratel).

Making international calls to Brazil: add 55 (country code for Brazil) + area code + phone number.

Useful telephone numbers in Salvador (area code 71)

State Police: 3116-7875 / 3116-7825 / 9973-3398
Military Police: 190
Federal Police: 3319-6000
Emergency Ambulance (SAMU): 192
Tourist Information (Bahiatursa): 3117-3000
Tourist Support: 3322-7155

Salvador Help: 156
Bus station: 3460-8300
Post Office: 0800-570-0100
Deputado Luís Eduardo Magalhães International Airport: 3204-1010

Postal, facsimile and Internet services

103. Postal and facsimile facilities are available at post offices and in most leading hotels. Internet services are also available in most leading hotels and at cybercafes in Salvador, especially in major tourist areas. Postal, facsimile and Internet services are also available at the Bahia Convention Centre.

Business hours

104. Most private offices in Salvador operate on a five-day week, from 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Government offices are generally open between 8.30 a.m. and 18.00 p.m., from Monday to Friday. Many stores operate daily from 8.00 a.m. to 18.00 p.m. Banks are open from Monday to Friday between 10.00 a.m. and 16.00 p.m., except on public holidays. Major post offices are open from Monday to Friday between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon.

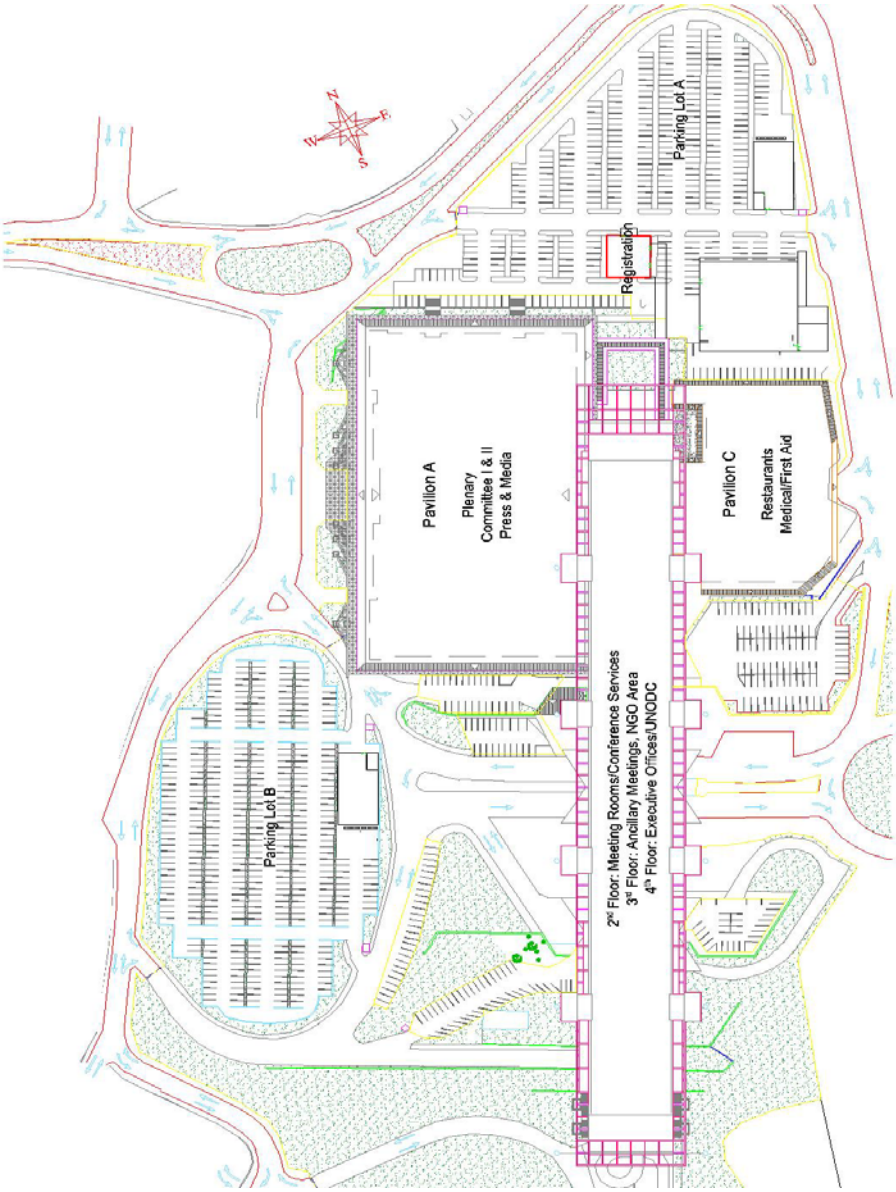
Agencies of the Government of Brazil related to justice

105. Please note the following websites of bodies of the Government of Brazil related to justice.

Ministry of Justice	www.mj.gov.br
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	www.mre.gov.br
Brazilian Supreme Court	www.stf.gov.br
Brazilian Federal Police	www.dpf.gov.br
Office of the Attorney-General	www.mpu.gov.br
Brazilian Financial Intelligence Unit	www.coaf.fazenda.gov.br
National Secretariat for Human Rights	www.sedh.gov.br
National Secretariat for Women's Policies	www.spmulheres.gov.br
National Secretariat for Youth	www.juventude.gov.br
National Secretariat for Drug Policy	www.senad.gov.br

Annex I

Floor plan of the Bahia Convention Centre, Salvador



Annex II

Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice: hotel accommodation booking form[a]

Client information

Mr./Mrs./Ms./Miss./Dr. *First name*: _____ *Last name*: _____

Telephone: _____ **Facsimile number:** _____

Country code/area code/number *Country code/area code/number*

Home address: _____

_____

_____

E-mail: _____

Nationality: _____ **Country of residence:** _____

Booking information

Arrival date: _____ *Check-in-date*: _____ *Flight number*: _____

Departure date: _____ *Check-out date*: _____ *Flight number*: _____

Type of hotel requested (please tick)

Room rates at over US$ 100 ☐ *Room rates at US$ 70-100* ☐ *Room rates at US$ 40-70* ☐

Name of hotel requested (if known): _____

Alternative hotel 1: _____

Alternative hotel 2: _____

Room requirements (please tick the appropriate box)

Single room ☐ Double room ☐ Twin bed room ☐ Number of adults _____

Non-smoking ☐

Credit card: _____ Name on card: _____

Number: _____ Expiry date: _____

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