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Geneva, 8-10 June 2009

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. DATE AND VENUE OF THE PLENARY SESSION

1. The 57th plenary session will be held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, from Monday 8 June until Wednesday 10 June 2009. The meeting will commence at 9:30 on Monday 8 June and will finish on Wednesday 10 June at 12:30. The meeting of the OECD Committee on Statistics will be held on 10-11 June 2009 in Geneva back-to-back with the CES, starting at 14:30 on 10 June.
2. The meeting will take place in Room XVIII (for instructions how to access the room, please see section VII below).

II. WEBSITE ADDRESS

3. All documents for the CES plenary session will be available on the meeting's website at:

<http://www.unece.org/stats/documents/2009.06.ces.htm>

III. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES AND DOCUMENTATION

4. The meeting room will be equipped for simultaneous interpretation, which will be provided into and from the three official working languages of the UNECE (English, French and Russian).
5. The main documents of the plenary session will be distributed in the three official languages. The background documents and supporting papers may be available in the original language only.
6. The main papers for discussion at the two seminars will be prepared by invited authors. However, the CES member countries are invited to contribute supporting papers to the two seminars. These supporting papers will be made available on the UNECE website, and will be taken into account in the respective discussions.
7. All documents will be available on the meeting website. **Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of the documents with them, as there will be no documents available in the meeting room.**

IV. ACCOMMODATION, PASSPORTS, VISAS AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

8. All participants attending the meeting are requested to have a valid passport and, if required, a visa for Switzerland. Applications for visas should be made to the embassy or consulate of Switzerland in the country in which the participants reside. Visa applications should refer to the 57th plenary session of the Conference of European Statisticians to be held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. If a formal invitation letter is required by the embassy, this can be requested from the UNECE secretariat (fax: +41 22 917 0040; e-mail: josephine.rauss@unece.org).
9. Participants are requested to make their own hotel and travel arrangements. The UNECE secretariat in Geneva is not in a position to provide such services to delegates. Participants are advised to book hotel accommodation well in advance of the meeting, since available rooms are limited because of other meetings taking place in Geneva during the month of June. Maps of Geneva, list of hotels and information for visitors to the Palais des Nations are available on the following website:

<http://www.unece.org/stats/geneva.e.htm>

V. REGISTRATION AND ACCESS TO THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

10. Participants are kindly requested to complete the registration form available on the meeting's website and send it to the UNECE secretariat by **8 May** (fax no. +41 22 917 0040; e-mail: josephine.rauss@unece.org).
11. Before entering the Palais des Nations, delegates must collect their security badge from the Security Identification Unit, located at the visitors' entrance: Pregny Gate, 14 Avenue de la Paix. It is advisable to arrive there at least **40 minutes** before the meeting is due to start, in order to allow time to collect your badge and make your way to the meeting room. The Pregny gate is

opposite the Red Cross ("CICR") building, approximately 300 metres uphill from the Nations gate, where the flags of UN member countries can be seen (refer to the map at appendix A).

12. The following documents should be presented to the Security Office:

- Original of the registration form;
- Photo ID (e.g. passport).

13. Only delegates who have sent their registration forms to the UNECE Statistical Division in advance of the meeting will be able to obtain their entry passes.

14. Once you have your entry pass it will be possible to re-enter the Palais des Nations from either the Nations gate, or the Pregny gate.

15. For identification and security reasons, participants are requested to wear their security badges at all times while inside the Palais des Nations.

VII. HOW TO GET TO THE MEETING ROOM

16. The meeting will take place in Room XVIII of the Palais des Nations. To access this room, please walk down towards the Palais des Nations from the Pregny entrance, once you have obtained your security badge from the Security offices, and turn left. Walk down through the car park, with the Palais on your right, until you come to door 40. Enter the building here. Take the escalator down one floor, and Room XVIII is on the right-hand side.

VIII. FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN GENEVA

17. Geneva International Airport now offers incoming passengers a **free ticket for public transport**. These tickets, available from a machine in the baggage collection area, allow you to use any public transport (train, tram, bus, boat) in Geneva and surrounding areas for a period of 80 minutes. Look for the machine pictured below after collecting your luggage and before walking out through the customs area.



18. Some hotels offer a free Geneva Transport Card, enabling you to use the entire Geneva public transport system free of charge throughout your stay. You should ask at the reception when checking in at your hotel.

IX. GETTING FROM THE AIRPORT INTO GENEVA

19. The Geneva Airport is approximately four kilometres from the city centre. The **train** is the most efficient way to get into the city centre. Follow the signs to the airport railway station from the arrivals area. All trains leaving from the airport stop at the central Geneva-Cornavin train station. The journey takes six minutes. Instructions for getting to the meeting venue from the city centre are in section X below.

20. In addition to the train, there are **buses** from the airport to various parts of Geneva:

- United Nations / Office du Nations Unies (ONU) - Palais des Nations:
 - ✓ [bus 5](#) (direction Hopital)- stop Nations
 - ✓ [bus 28](#) (direction Jardin Botanique)- stop Appia
- Geneva city centre: [bus 10](#) (direction Onex)

21. **Taxis** are readily available from the airport. They are metered, so costs will vary, but the journey from the airport into the city centre will usually cost around CHF 30.

22. Tourist and public transport information is available at the [Unireso](#) information desk in the airport arrival hall after you go through customs. More information on Geneva's free public transport initiative is available from:

- Public transport from Geneva Airport - <http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-67/>
- Free Geneva Transport Card - <http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/index.php?rubrique=0000000417>

X. TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE PALAIS DES NATIONS

23. Geneva is a small city and it is easy to reach places by foot. It takes about 25 minutes to walk from the Geneva-Cornavin train station to the Place des Nations. It takes another 10 - 15 minutes to walk from the Nations entrance, through the building to the meeting room.

24. There are two **trams** that go from the front (lake side) of the central Geneva-Cornavin train station to the Place des Nations (the main square outside the Palais des Nations). These are trams number 13 and number 15 and they should be taken in the direction 'Nations', which is also the name of the last stop where you should get out.

25. **Buses** 5, 8, 11, 28, F, V, and Z serve the Place des Nations, and stop close to the Nations gate. Buses 8, 28, F, V and Z also stop near the Pregny Gate at the stop named Appia.

26. Further information on itineraries, timetables and fares, is available on the site of the **Transports Publics Genevois** (<http://www.tpg.ch/>). A map of public transport routes is available at <http://tpg.hafas.de/hafas/tp/query.exe/en?>

27. **Taxis** are expensive but generally easy to find. A taxi stand is located on Avenue de la Paix, 50 metres uphill from the Nations gate. Taxis are available any time. The following direct telephone number will ensure arrival within minutes: 022 331 41 33. Taxis cannot enter the UN compound - passengers will have to get off at the Pregny or Nations gates.

XI. CONTACT DATA

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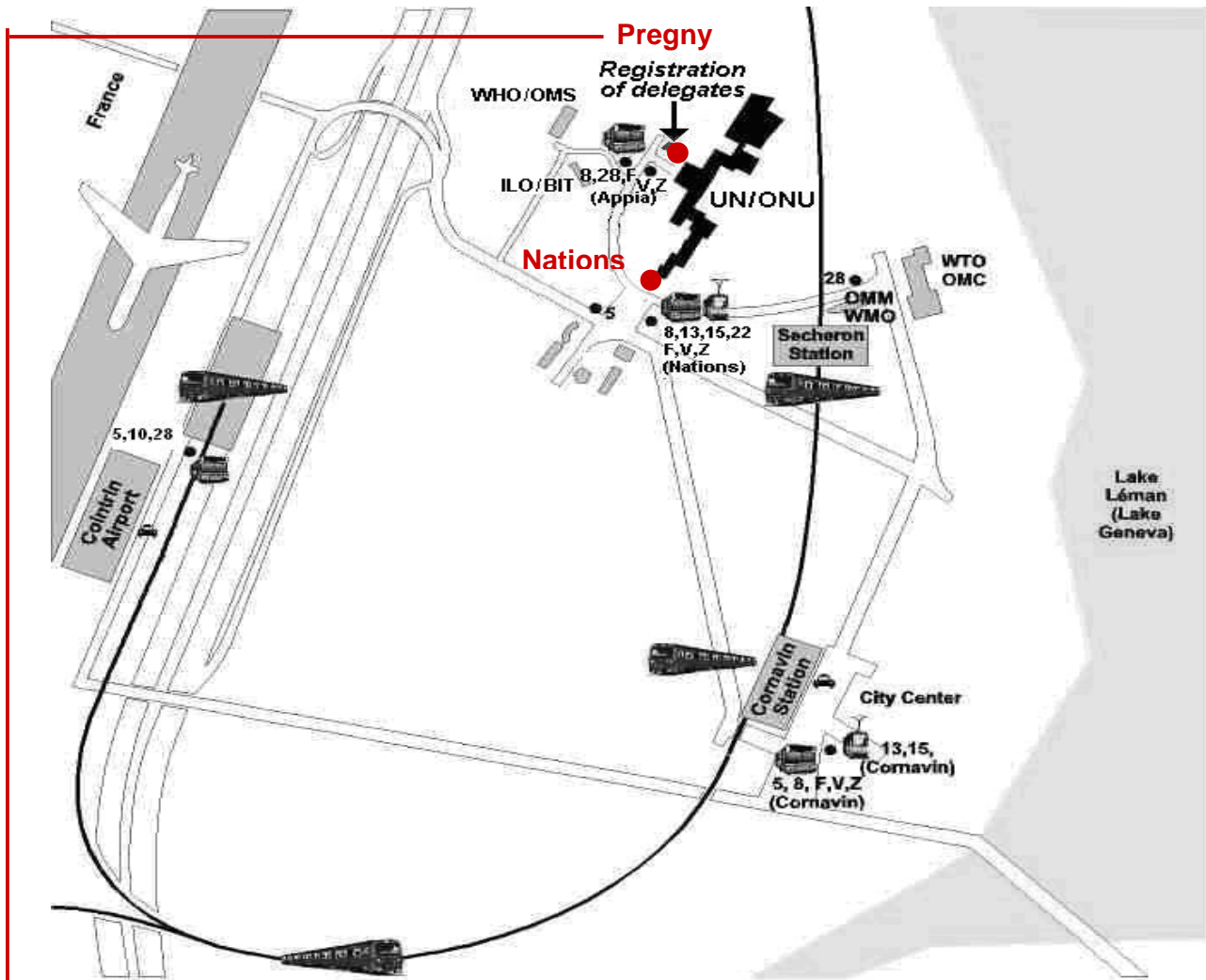
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How to find the UN building in Geneva:



Where to obtain the entry pass (Security Office, Pregny Gate, 14 avenue de la Paix):

