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XII INTER-AMERICAN MEETING, AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL, ON HEALTH AND AGRICULTURE

São Paulo, Brazil, 2 - 4 May 2001

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The XII Inter-American Meeting at the Ministerial Level on Health and Agriculture (RIMSA) will take place from Wednesday, 2 to Friday, 4 May 2001, in the Salão das Américas, level E2, of the São Paulo Renaissance Hotel.¹

Registration

Registration will take place outside the Salão das Américas, level E2, beginning at 8:00 a.m., on Wednesday, 2 May.²

Climate

The temperature in May is: Low 68°F (20°C) - High 77°F (25°C). Average rainfall: 0.4 in. (10 mm.)

Travel

The São Paulo Renaissance Hotel, located in the financial and residential district of Jardins, is close to downtown, 15 minutes from Congonhas Airport and 40 minutes from the Guarulhos São Paulo International Airport. The Government authorities are making arrangements to meet the ministers and transport them to the hotel. They should communicate their flight and arrival information to the Conference Section in Washington, D.C., at the following address:

Mrs. L. Gomes
Conference Services
Pan American Health Organization
525 – 23rd St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

¹ The VIII Meeting of the Hemispheric Committee for the Eradication of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (COHEFA) will take place on 1 May 2001 in the same room.

² Registration for COHEFA will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 1 May.

Travel (*cont.*)

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Those participants not arriving on the same flight as their ministers, may wish to take a taxi to the hotel (54 Reales) from the booth in the airport lobby, charging their credit cards, or outside the airport if paying cash.

Visas: Participants are requested to contact the Brazilian Embassy in their countries for information on visa requirements.

Vaccinations: A yellow fever vaccination certificate (only if the traveler has been within the last 90 days to any of the following countries : Angola, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina, Cameroon, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, French Guyana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Republic of Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Peru, Sierra Leone, Sudan or Venezuela).

Accommodations and per diem

A block reservation has been made at the São Paulo Renaissance Hotel for Ministers of Agriculture and Ministers of Health. Their accommodations at this hotel will be prepaid by PAHO. As lodging will be provided, upon registering, a cheque for the balance of the per diem will be given to each minister. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to reimburse the hotel component should a minister decide to stay elsewhere.

A reservation form was sent with the letter of invitation, and should be returned to Mrs. L. Gomes, who is coordinating reservations (see address above).

The address of the hotel is:

Renaissance São Paulo Hotel
Alameda Santos 2233
Cerqueira César
01419-002 São Paulo

Fax (+55 11) 3064 3344
Tel (+55 11) 3069 2233

PAHO has been able to secure rooms at the Renaissance São Paulo Hotel only for the Ministers of Health and Ministers of Agriculture. Rooms for other participants will be subject to space availability and reservations must be secured by individual credit card. Reservation requests for the rooms can only be made through Mrs L. Gomes (see address above).

The hotel has established a special rate of US\$ 140 (single or double room) plus taxes. For reservations, the following information is essential:

Participant's credit card: type, number and expiration date
Arrival and departure dates and times

PAHO will not make reservations for participants requesting accommodations at other hotel.

Facilities

All rooms offer: Direct-dial telephones with facsimile and computer dataports, individual air conditioning control, cable TV, minibar, iron and hair dryer. The electricity is 220 volts. There are transformers available in each room.

Documents

Volumes of working documents in English and Spanish will be available to official participants. Loose copies of documents will be available for other participants. Participants must make their own arrangements to ship any documentation back to their countries. Documents in English and Spanish will be available on the homepage of the PAHO web site (www.paho.org).