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Annex 8

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Founding Congress of the new international trade union confederation
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GENERAL INFORMATION

The following information has been compiled for the benefit of the participants travelling to Vienna (Austria) for the 27th WCL Congress and for the Founding Congress of the new international trade union confederation.

1. Immigration Regulations

Austria belongs – along with Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Norway, Iceland and Sweden - to the Schengen Area. All visitors entering a country in the Schengen Area must have a passport that is valid, at least, during the period in which they want to stay in that country.

Many participants will need a Schengen visa, so we would advise all Congress participants to consult the Austrian embassy or consulate (or that of another Schengen member country) in their country about the procedure for obtaining a visa. To avoid unexpected delays in obtaining the visa, we would recommend that you make your application well in advance.

Participants travelling via the United States must have an American visa even if they do not leave the plane.

Those encountering difficulties in obtaining a visa should immediately contact the WCL and provide their full name, gender, date and place of birth, nationality and passport details (number, date and place of issue and date of expiry).

For more information:

Visa Schengen <http://www.mediavisa.net/home.html>

Embassies http://www.bmaa.gv.at/view.php3?r_id=204&LNG=en&version=

2. Health Regulations - Immunisation

There are currently no inoculations required for entering Austria.

3. Customs

The following products, if intended for personal use or as presents, from non-EU countries are duty (tax) free:

Tobacco

- 200 cigarettes or 100 cigarillos or 50 cigars or 250 grams of tobacco or a proportionate combination of these items.

Alcoholic beverages

- 1 litre of spirits with an alcohol content of more than 22 volume percent or 2 litres of beverages with an alcohol content of 22 volume percent or a proportionate combination of these items.
- 2 litres of non-sparkling wine

Perfumes

- 50 grams

Eau de toilette

- 250 ml

Other goods

- Up to a cumulative value of € 175

For more information: Customs http://english.bmf.gv.at/Customs/_start.htm

4. Money

Austria is a member of the Economic and Monetary Union. The common currency is the Euro.

Approximate value on 28 April 2006:

0.789 EUR (€) = 1 USD (\$)

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5. Hotels

See attached document Annex 7.

6. Getting to Vienna

Taxi to city centre takes about 30 to 45 minutes and costs approximately € 35.

An express train, CAT, runs to the City Air Terminal (near city centre) at € 8 for a single or € 15 for a return fare.

The "Vienna Airport Line" buses run every 15 min. between the airport and the nearest metro station, costing € 6 for a single fare.

A tram also runs every half an hour between the airport and the city centre and cost € 3 for a single fare (travel time: 32 minutes)

For more information: Vienna Airport <http://www.viennaairport.com>

7. Insurance

The WCL has taken out a travel insurance for participants benefiting of a travel and stay scholarship. Consequently, other participants are therefore advised to arrange any insurance they feel is necessary.

8. Climate

In October-November, temperatures in Vienna range between 5°C and 10°C.

9. Time difference

Local Time = GMT+2.

Attention: The European Union switches to winter time (= CMT+1) (3am will become 2am) during the night of 28 to 29 October 2006.

10. Electricity

Electricity in Austria is set at 230 Volts. Plugs are Central European Standard with two round pins.

11. Mobile phones

There are GSM networks in the 900 Mhz range and 1800 Mhz range.