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**MET PANEL (METP)
MET OPERATIONS GROUP (MOG)
VOLCANIC ASH (VA)**

SECOND MEETING

Buenos Aires, Argentina, 27 to 28 April 2016

**Agenda Item 2: Organizational matters
2.1: Adoption of working arrangements**

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETING

(Presented by the Rapporteur)

1. VENUE OF THE MEETING

1.1 The second meeting of the MET Operations Group MOG VA/2 will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina at the premises of the Servicio Meteorológico Nacional (SMN) from 27 to 28 April 2016.

1.2 The SMN is located at:

Avenida Dorrego 4019 Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires (SMN facilities at Palermo, Buenos Aires)

A location map is available at [here](#). The website of the SMN is: <http://www.smn.gov.ar>

The SMN will be offering a shuttle service to and from the Meeting venue for those attendees hosted at certain hotels indicated in the Annex attached. The use of taxi is suggested to those who make a different hotel choice.

2. REGISTRATION

2.1 Participants are requested to register at Av. Dorrego 4019, Front Desk, between 0830 and 0900 hours on the opening day of the meeting (27 April 2016). Participants are also requested to wear their identification badge at all times inside the SMN premises.

3. DOCUMENTATION FOR THE MEETING

3.1 Documentation (working/information papers) for the meeting will be available on the WG MOG website, note that you will need to pre-register with ICAO to access this information.

3.2 No printed copies will be available at the meeting site.

4. **OPENING OF THE MEETING**

4.1 The opening session of the MOG VA /2 Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27 April 2016 at the SMN facilities located at Av. Dorrego 4019, (Palermo, Buenos Aires). This meeting will follow the WMO VAAC Best Practice Seminar at approximately 1330.

5. **WORKING HOURS OF THE MEETING**

5.1 The expected daily working hours are as follows:

27 April 2016, 1330 to 1700 hours;

28 April 2016, 0900 to 1700 hours;

LANGUAGES

5.2 The meeting will be conducted in the English language only.

6. **MEETING VENUE ASSISTANCE**

6.2 Requests for information concerning the meeting venue can be directed to Mr. Colin Hord, Principal, MET/AIM/Radio Licensing, CAA. His contact information is as follows:

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SMN Argentina – Local Organizers-

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7. **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

7.1 **Passport and visa requirements**

7.1.1 All foreign nationals entering the Argentina must possess valid passports or other valid documents for travel.

7.1.2 Visas to enter or to travel through Argentina may be required depending on your nationality. Further information on Argentina entry requirements is available at the Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto site www.cancilleria.gov.ar

7.2 Hotels and public transport

7.2.1 The meeting venue is in a beautiful area of Buenos Aires famous for its vast gardens, however taxis or the shuttle service provided by the SMN are the best options to get there from your selected hotel.

7.2.2 Note that preferential rates for meeting participants are available at certain hotels indicated below.

7.2.3 Please make your booking directly with the hotel of your choice. It is very important that you inform the name of the hotel you have booked to the Local Organizers.

7.2.4 For a list of suggested hotels, please see Annex.

7.3 Transportation between from nearby airport

7.3.1 International flights to Argentina arrive at “Ministro Pistarini” International Airport (Ezeiza), which is 40 km from downtown Buenos Aires (www.aa2000.com.ar). Taxis, rented cars with driver and the bus service "Manuel Tienda León" www.tiendaleon.com.ar are available. Major credit cards are accepted, but please have some cash available.

7.3.2 Domestic and Regional flights arrive at the “Jorge Newbery” Airport (Aeroparque) www.aa2000.com.ar, located just 20 minutes from Buenos Aires downtown. A similar transportation system is available in addition to the ArBus public transport <https://www.facebook.com/ArBusTransporte>

7.4 Climate

7.4.1 The mean minimum temperature during the month of April is 13.3 °C and the mean maximum temperature is 22.8 °C. The mean monthly precipitation total for April is 97 mm, with a mean monthly total of 12 days of precipitation.

7.4.2 More weather information can be obtained from the website of the SMN <http://www.smn.gov.ar>

7.4.3 Currency and banking services

7.4.4 The official currency of Argentina is the Argentine Peso, operational rate of exchange (Peso vs. USD or Euro) varies, it is informed at the Banco de la Nación Argentina site: <http://www.bna.com.ar/> on daily basis.

7.4.5 International credit cards such as American Express, Visa and Master Card are normally accepted at major hotels and department stores.

7.4.6 A selection of commercial banks, including those that exchange major foreign currencies, are situated both at Ezeiza and Aeroparque Airports. To exchange travellers' cheques, you are required to show your passport.

7.5 **Other useful information**

7.5.1 In April, the local time in the Argentina is 3 hours behind Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC-3).

ANNEX

LIST OF HOTELS

CRISTOFORO COLOMBO Hotel (Corporate rate)

Closest location to the Meeting venue -NMS shuttle service available-

Please, announce your attendance to the Meeting hosted by the NMS in order to get the Corporate rate.

Address: Fray Justo Santa María de Oro 2747, Palermo, Buenos Aires

Ph.: (+54 11) 4778-4945

E-mail booking: reservas@hotelcc.com.ar

<http://www.hotelcc.com.ar/>

Also, there´s a great variety of Hotels Boutique in Palermo area (Palermo Hollywood and Palermo Soho); here some examples (<https://www.google.com.ar/#q=hoteles+boutique+en+palermo>)

VITRUM Hotel boutique

Address: Gorriti 5641, Palermo Hollywood, Buenos Aires.

Ph: (+54 11) 4776-5030

Fax: (+ 54 11) 4776-5030

E-mail: info@vitrumhotel.com

<http://www.vitrumhotel.com/es/>

ESPLENDOR Palermo Soho, hotel boutique

Address: Guatemala 4931 (between Uriarte St. and Thames St.)

Booking: (54 11) 5217-5799 reservas@esplendorpalermosoho.com

Front Desk: (54 11) 4899-4000 frontdesk@esplendorpalermosoho.com

Ph.: (54 11) 4899-4000

<http://www.esplendorpalermosoho.com/>

Hotels in Downtown area:

CONCORDE Hotel (Corporate rate)

Please, announce your attendance to the Meeting hosted by the NMS in order to get the Corporate rate -NMS shuttle service available-

Address: 25 de Mayo 630, Buenos Aires

Ph.: (+54 11) 4313-2018

E-mail: reservas@concordehotel.com.ar ; conserjeria@concordehotel.com.ar

<http://www.concordehotel.com.ar/disponibilidad.html>

<http://www.concordehotel.com.ar/>

SHERATON LIBERTADOR Hotel

Address: Av. Córdoba 690, Buenos Aires

Ph.: (+54 11) 4321- 0000

Fax: (+54 11) 4322- 9703

www.sheratonlibertador.com/

CLARIDGE Hotel

Address: Tucumán 535, Buenos Aires

Ph.: (+54 11) 4319-8000

Fax: (+54 11) 4314-8022

E-mail: reservas@claridge.com.ar

www.claridge.com

Hotel NH Collection Buenos Aires JOUSTEN

Address: Av. Corrientes 280, Buenos Aires

Booking: (+54 11) 5776- 6464

Ph.: (+54 11) 4321- 6750

E-mail: nhcollectionjousten@nh-hotels.com

<http://www.nh-hoteles.es/hotel/nh-collection-buenos-aires-jousten/mapa>

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