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RMS Working Group and Small Drafting Group in Copenhagen
Meeting venue, information on hotels and notification of participation

Venue and timing for the RMS Working Group Meeting:

As indicated in Circular Communication IWC.CCG.449, the next meeting of the RMS Working Group is scheduled to take place in Copenhagen from Wednesday 30 March to Friday 1 April 2005. It will be held at the:

Eigtveds Pakhus
Asiatisk Plads 2,
G 1448 Copenhagen K
Denmark

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The Eigtveds Pakhus is situated very close to the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where Henrik Fischer is based, and is close to the centre of Copenhagen. Please see map attached.

The RMS Working Group will start at 10.00 (with registration open from 08.30 on Wednesday 30 March). The Chair expects the meeting to continue to around 16.00 on Friday 1 April.

Venue and timing for the RMS Small Drafting Group (SDG)

Members of the SDG should note that the group will also meet at the Eigtveds Pakhus from Saturday 2 April to Tuesday 5 April. The Secretariat will be in touch with SDG members shortly regarding start and end times of the meeting.

Hotel Accommodation

It has not been possible to make any block-bookings and *delegates must make their own hotel arrangements*. There are many hotels in Copenhagen so this should not be too much of a problem. However, early booking is advised as Copenhagen is a popular holiday destination and around the period of the meeting, a number of events are taking place to celebrate the 200-year birthday of Hans Christian Andersen (2 April), the well-known fairy-tale writer.

The Chairman has made some investigations into possible hotels. Two hotels of a reasonable standard and price that currently have a reasonably large number of rooms available for the period in question are the following:

Hotel Phoenix, Bredgade 37, 1260 Copenhagen K.

Phone: + 45 33959500; fax: +45 33339833; web: www.phoenixcopenhagen.dk (website in Danish)

At present it has a large number of rooms available, and particularly from 29 March up to and including 2 April. A more limited number of rooms are available from 2 April.

Price (as long as they have many free rooms) 1000 DKK per night (single) including breakfast.

Location: A little more than 1 km. from Eigtveds Pakhus. Public bus (number 19) from "door to door - no change". The bus runs 4 times an hour during the day. It is close to Royal Castle, Theatre(s), harbour, numerous restaurants, main shopping street and the place called Nyhavn (the harbour area where there are many bars, small restaurants etc.).

Hotel Skt. Petri, Krystalgade 22, 1172 Copenhagen K

Phone: + 45 33459100; fax: + 45 33459110; web: www.hotelsktpetri.com; reservation: "reservation@hotelsktpetri.com."

A (more limited) number of rooms are currently available from 29 March until 1/2 April. It is almost fully booked from the weekend starting 2 April.

Price (until more heavily booked) 1300 DKK per night (single), excluding breakfast. Breakfast costs 145 DKK).

Location: About 2 km. from Eigtveds Pakhus. Almost in the centre of the "old-town". Close to main pedestrian street(s), shopping, restaurants, Town Hall Square, Cathedral, Parliament. Three minutes walk to Station Nørreport (two metro stops to Christianshavn station which is close to Eigtveds Pakhus).

The international Hotel-group "Choice Hotels" (Comfort/Quality/Clarion) has six hotels in Copenhagen; five within reasonable distance from the venue (1½- 2½ km). Phone: +45 70121415; web: www.choicehotels.dk (medium class/price).

The "Ibis-group" - normally at the cheaper end - has three hotels in Copenhagen (Ibis Copenhagen Crown Hotel/Star Hotel/Triton Hotel). They are all in the neighbourhood of Central Station; 2½ - 3 km from the meeting venue. (web: www.ibishotel.com).

At the higher end, there are the following two hotels within about ½ km of the Eigtveds Pakhus:

Hotel Nyhavn 71, phone: +45 33436200; web: www.71nyhavnhotel.dk (in Danish). High Class, harbour-view and you can see the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Eigtveds Pakhus from (parts of) the hotel.

D'Angleterre hotel, Kongens Nytorv 43, phone: +45 33120095, web: www.remmen.dk (in Danish).

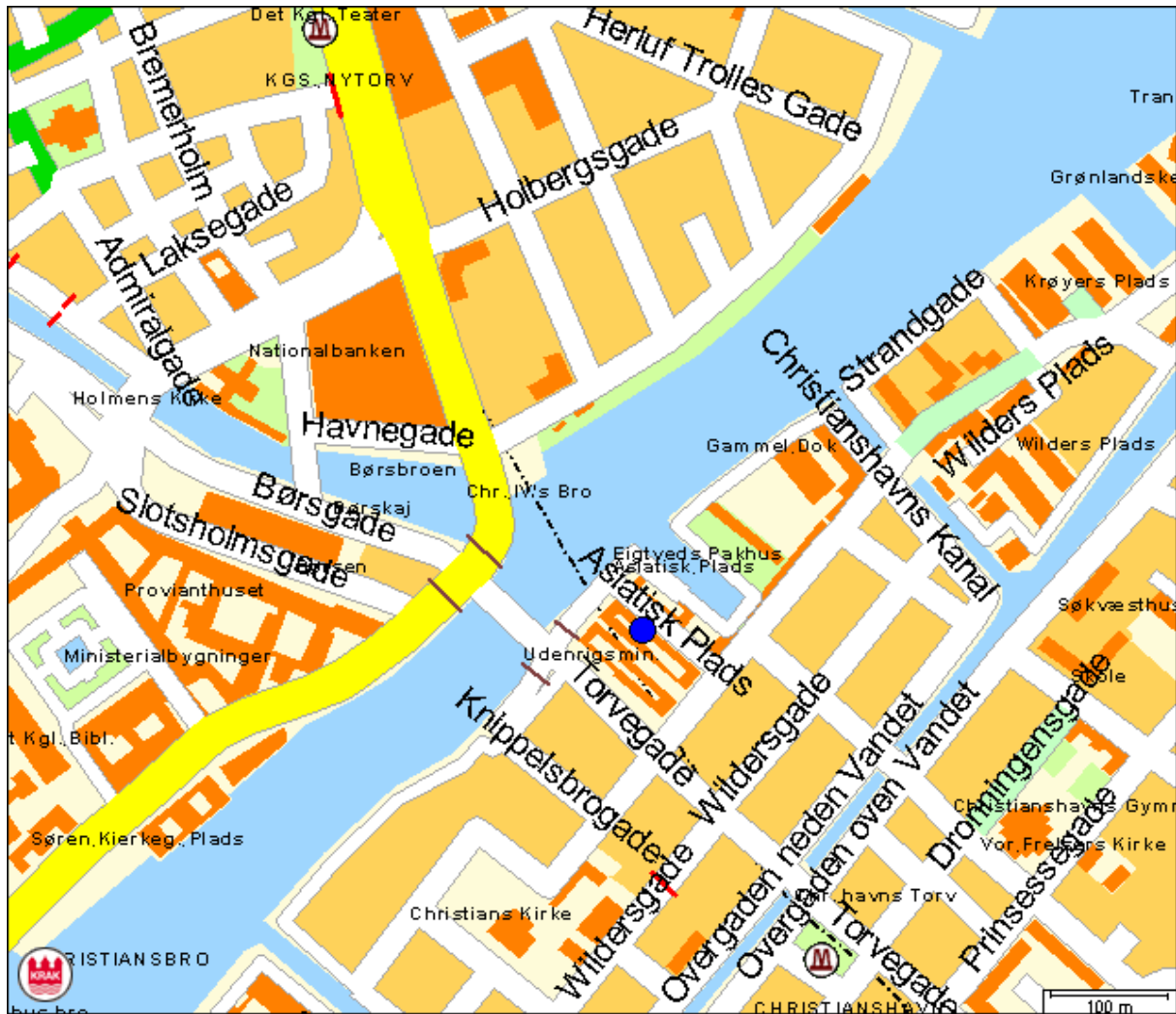
Notification of participation in the RMS Working Group meeting

To help our preparations, it would be extremely useful to know how many Contracting Governments intend to participate in the Working Group meeting, and the numbers that there will be on each delegation. I would be grateful therefore if the attached form could be completed and returned to the Secretariat as soon as possible but by 24 February 2005. As with the meeting in Borgholm, space at the venue is somewhat restricted and Governments are therefore encouraged to try to limit the size of their delegations.

(The Secretariat will contact SDG members separately regarding their participation and delegations to the Copenhagen meeting.)

A draft agenda and further documents for the RMS Working Group will be circulated in due course. In this regard, could I remind you that comments on the draft text developed by the SDG should be submitted to the Secretariat by 1 March 2005

Dr Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission



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INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

Meeting of the RMS Working Group, Copenhagen, Denmark
30 March – 1 April 2005

<u>INTENTION TO ATTEND</u>	
Contracting Government:	
Do you intend to participate in the RMS Working Group meeting?: (Yes/No)	
Number on delegation:	
Names of delegates:	
Will you bring an interpreter? (Yes/No). If yes, please provide name	

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