

GENERAL ASSEMBLY



THIRTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
June 4 to 6, 2006
Santo Domingo, National District, Dominican Republic

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Information Bulletin

1. Site of the General Assembly session

The thirty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly will be held from June 4 to 6, 2006, in the city of Santo Domingo, National District, in the Dominican Republic. Meetings and sessions will be held in the Conventional Hall of the Secretariat of State of Foreign Affairs, at Avenida Independencia No. 752, Estancia San Gerónimo, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

The inaugural session will be held on Sunday, June 4, 2006, at 6:00 p.m., in the National Theater on the Plaza de la Cultura at the corner of Avenida Máximo Gómez and Pedro Henríquez Ureña, in Santo Domingo. The program of the working sessions and various meetings and events to be held in the context of the General Assembly session will be distributed in due course and is available on the Internet: <http://www.oea.org/36AG> and <http://www.serex.gov.do>

2. National coordinating office

<p>National coordinator:</p> <p>Ambassador José Manuel Trullols Assistant Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><i>Executive Coordinator</i></p> <p>Ambassador Clara Quiñones Assistant Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs</p>	<p><i>Lodging coordinators for member state delegates:</i></p> <p>Ambassador Axel Wittkop Minister Counselor Maria José Bengoa Assistant: Lil Jana</p> <p>alojamientooea@serex.gov.do asambleaoea@serex.gov.do</p> <p>Phone:(809) 508-2341,(809) 532-9497 (809) 535-6280 ext. 2143, 2144 Fax: (809) 535-1032 or (809) 532-0793</p>
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3. Lodging

The Government of the Dominican Republic, as a courtesy of the host country, will provide lodging at the Hotel Embajador for the foreign ministers or heads of delegation of the OAS member states. Other delegates and participants may stay at the official hotels for the General Assembly session, shown on the following table, which includes the rates set for the General Assembly session and the tax and service charge required by law. The rates are valid until May 1, 2006. According to established practice, lodging costs will be covered by participants, following usual hotel industry practices. Hotel reservation forms are attached.

Official hotels for General Assembly session	Single or double room	Contact person at hotel
HOTEL EMBAJADOR For members of member state delegations only	Standard room US\$139.00 Ambassador Club room US\$183.00	Lodging Coordination Office
HOTEL INTER-CONTINENTAL V CENTENARIO	Standard room US\$152.00 Deluxe room and Royal Intercontinental Club US\$196.00	Andrea Ramos or Scarlett Guerrero (809) 221-1850/ (809) 221-1575 yalta_rodriguez@interconti.com
HOTEL MELIA	Standard room US\$152.00 Room on executive floor US\$196.00	Corina Santana or Zórida Papaterra (809) 730-6631 or (809) 730-6636 zorida.pappaterra@meliasd.com
HOTEL CLARION	Superior room US\$158.00	Lucy Díaz/Juana Burgos 809 541-6226-ext.2265, 2229 Lucy.diaz@naco.com.do
HOTEL HILTON	US\$252.00	Leticia Silva or Connie Betances (809) 685-0000 ext. 6501 y 6510 josemiguel.abreu@hilton.com

*These rates include the 16% ITBIS (VAT) and 10% services fee.

A specific number of rooms has been set aside for each delegation (including the foreign ministers' rooms). Reservations at the other hotels will be assigned strictly in the order in which requests are received. A valid credit card number must be given with each reservation to ensure its confirmation.

OAS member state delegates should send their hotel reservation forms to the Lodging Coordination Office by fax, at (809) 535-1032 or (809) 508-5824, or by e-mail, at: alojamientooa@serex.gov.do.

All other participants should send their hotel reservation forms directly to their hotels of choice.

All room reservation requests, without exception, must be sent before May 1, 2006. After this date, the above rates are no longer guaranteed, and rooms that have been set aside will be automatically released. After this date, the lodging coordinators will be unable to assume any responsibility or offer any guarantee as to the established rates or availability of rooms at the official hotels selected for the General Assembly session.

4. Air transportation

It is recommended that delegates and other participants reserve their round-trip flights as early as possible, directly with the airlines or their travel agencies. If possible, it is recommended that participants use the Dr. José Francisco Peña Gómez International Airport of the Americas, located one hour from the city of Santo Domingo, since delegations will be officially met only at that airport.

5. Airport arrival

The Dominican Republic will arrange for staff to meet delegates and other participants upon their arrival at the Dr. José Francisco Peña Gómez International Airport of the Americas. It is essential, therefore, that delegates and other participants include all flight arrival details on the arrival and departure information form.

As a courtesy, the Government of the Dominican Republic will provide land transportation for member state delegates, permanent observers, and representatives of international organizations from the International Airport of the Americas to the official hotels of the General Assembly session.

Other participants may use the taxi services at the airport exit. There will be a booth at the airport for anyone needing information on the General Assembly session and the location of the official hotels.

Only those arriving at the International Airport of the Americas will be officially met.

6. Local transportation during the General Assembly session

The host country will provide transportation facilities, to all participants accredited to the General Assembly, between the official hotels, the National Theater, and the Secretariat of State of Foreign Affairs, according to timetables to be established and announced shortly.

There will also be bus service for delegates and other participants from the Convention Hall to all official social events.

Participants requiring transportation to other events may hire taxi services through their hotels' transportation desks or concierges.

7. Dominican Republic Entry and departure requirements

This bulletin provides information on visa requirements and on countries with which visa waiver agreements exist. In the event that there is no Dominican consulate or embassy in your country, please notify the Consular Department of the foreign ministry, Ms. Minerva Acosta de Pérez, Minister Counselor, by phone (809) 535-6280 ext.2261/2254, or by e-mail: macosta@serex.gov.do, to make the necessary arrangements.

8. Registration of participants

To register, please fill in the attached form and send it to the OAS General Assembly office, preferably before May 10, 2006. Late registration for official delegations will be held in the Taíno Room at the Hotel Santo Domingo, at the corner of Avenida Independencia and Avenida Abraham Lincoln, beginning on June 1, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Accreditation of international media and press representatives will be carried out according to instructions provided in the press information manual. Upon completion of registration and accreditation formalities, delegates and other participants will be issued identification cards or badges, which must be displayed during all General Assembly activities for security purposes. Delegations and other participants are reminded that they must present copies of their official credentials when they register.

Delegations of member states, permanent observers, representatives of international organizations, and special guests should direct their letters of credentials and any other correspondence related to the General Assembly session to the OAS General Secretariat at the following address:

Office of the Secretariat of the General Assembly
17th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006
Fax: (202) 458-3929

In order for identification cards to be issued and included on the list for authorized access to General Assembly facilities, all information requested on the registration form should be up-to-date and complete.

9. Working languages and documents

The official languages for the proceedings of the thirty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly are Spanish, French, English, and Portuguese. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in those four languages.

10. Medical assistance

The Government of the Dominican Republic will make immediate medical services available to participants during General Assembly meeting hours. In addition, first aid and ambulance services will be available around the clock at the Convention Hall of the Secretariat of States of Foreign Affairs and at the National Theater.

11. Security

The Dominican Republic will provide security before, during, and after the General Assembly sessions and meetings and the scheduled social events, as well as in airports, along roadways, and in hotels.

All participants must carry the credentials they are issued by the OAS General Secretariat in order to enter the National Theater, the Secretariat of State of Foreign Affairs, and the other areas used for the planned events.

Other persons invited to the inaugural ceremony and other social events must present their invitations and identification cards.

12. Miscellaneous

Additional services offered by the hotels

All the official hotels have available, for a fee, meeting rooms, Internet access, and secretarial, copying, fax transmission and receipt, and other services.

13. General information

The Dominican Republic

Capital: Santo Domingo de Guzmán

Official language: Spanish

Local time zone: The same as in Washington, D.C.

Temperature:	Low of 22°C (72°F) and high of 33°C (91°F)
Taxes:	16% ITBIS (IVA) 10% on services
Currency:	Dominican peso RD\$34.00 = US\$1.00
Electricity:	110 volts / 60 Hz
Water:	Bottled drinking water is recommended.



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Estados Americanos**

Hotel reservation request form for members of the delegations only / *

Formulario para solicitud de Reservas de Hotel para miembros de las delegaciones solamente *

General Assembly session: June 4–6, 2006 Hotel reservation deadline: May 1, 2006

MAIL TO : alojamientooea@serex.gov.do

FAX: (809) 535-1032; (809) 508-5824

c/o Lil Jana and Axel Wittkop

Coordinadora Alojamiento / Lodging Coordinator: Ministro Consejero María José Bengoa,

Av. Independencia No. 752, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana

(809) 535-6280 ext. 2489 2143, 2144; (809) 535-1032

Choice 1st through 5th	Official hotels for General Assembly session	Single, per person (one bed) Double, per person (two beds)	Additional person
	HOTEL EMBAJADOR For members of delegations only	Standard room US\$139.00 Ambassador Club room US\$183.00	
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	HOTEL CLARION	Superior room US\$158.00	
	HOTEL HILTON	Standard room US\$252.00	

***These rates include the 16% ITBIS (VAT) and 10% services fee.**

* All other participants should send their hotel reservation forms directly to their hotels of choice.

Name of guest _____ Number of adults _____

Number of beds requested: _____ Sharing room with: _____

Special requirements (i.e., handicapped room, smoking room, etc.): _____

Fecha Llegada/Arrival Date: _____ Hora/ Time: _____

Departure Date: _____ Time: _____

Credit card type: _____ Number: _____ Expiration date: _____

Nombre tarjeta habiente/
Cardholder name _____ Signature: _____

Enviar confirmación a/ Send confirmation to: _____ Delegation of / Delegación de: _____

Address: _____ City/Ciudad: _____

State / Estado: _____ Zip code: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Business Phone: () _____

Fax () _____ E-mail Address: _____

INSTRUCTIONS:

Complete **one** lodging form for **each room** requested. **All** reservations for delegates of OAS member states should be made through the Lodging Coordination Office. All other reservations should be made directly with the participant's hotel of choice. If you did not receive an acknowledgement number for your reservation, the Lodging Coordination Office did not receive your request. An acknowledgement of your reservation request should be sent to you via e-mail or fax by the Lodging Coordination Office within **three** days. Check the accuracy of your acknowledgement and print a copy for your records. Group rates and availability are subject to change after the reservation deadline of May 1, 2006.

Booking policy: Room reservations will not be held unless guaranteed with a valid credit card **only**. **Room rates at the official hotels already include the 16% ITBIS (VAT) and the 10% service charge.** Reservations for which requests are received after the deadline of May 1, 2006, are subject to room availability, with no rate guarantees. Cancellations made after May 1, 2006, may result in forfeiture of a one-night deposit charge made at the time your reservation request was confirmed.

Cancellation policy: **All** reservations made through the Lodging Coordination Office must be cancelled with the Lodging Coordination Office via e-mail or fax. Cancellations should be made at least 48 hours prior to arrival or may result in forfeiture of one night's deposit charged at your hotel's discretion. All other participants must call the hotel of choice directly.

Changes/early departure policy: Member state delegates should contact the Lodging Coordination Office via e-mail or fax through June 1, 2006. Please provide your acknowledgement number. All other participants whose reservations were made through their hotels should cancel in writing via e-mail or fax through **June 1, 2006**.



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4-6 June/Junio 2006

<i>FORMULARIO DE INSCRIPCIÓN / REGISTRATION FORM</i>			
Country or Organization / País u Organización:			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Principal representative / Representante titular	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alternate representative / Representante suplente	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Observer / Observador	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other / Otro	
Surname(s) / Apellido:			
Given name(s) / Nombre:			
Position / Cargo:			
Permanent address / Dirección permanente:			
Telephone / Teléfono:	()	Fax	()
E-mail:	@		
Local address / Dirección local			
Telephone / Teléfono	()		
Date of birth / Fecha de nacimiento	Place of birth / Lugar de nacimiento	Passport number / Número de pasaporte	
		_____ Signature / Firma	

NOTE: To register, kindly fill in this form and send it, together with a recent color photo (full face, front view), preferably by e-mail in "jpg" digital format, to the OAS General Secretariat no later than May 10, 2006. Please print name and country of the participant on the back photographs .

<https://www.oas.org/36AG/formulariorepresentantes/delegatedcredential.asp>

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Please send to the Lodging Coordination Office
by fax (809) 508-5824 or by e-mail asambleaoea@serex.gov.do
no later than **May 1, 2006**.

INFORMACION VUELOS DE LLEGADA Y SALIDA

Favor mandar a la Oficina de Coordinación de Alojamiento
vía fax (809)508-5824 ó correo electrónico asambleaoea@serex.gov.do
Fecha límite **Mayo 1, 2006**.

Country / País Organization / Organización:					
Given name / Nombre:					
Surname(s) / Apellidos:					
Occupation / Ocupación					
Area code / Código de área		Phone / Teléfono:			
Fax		E-mail:			
Mailing address / Dirección Postal					
City / Ciudad		Country / País:			
Arrival date/fecha de llegada		Flight/Vuelo No:		Time/Hora	
	dd/mm	Airport:			
Departure date / Fecha de salida		Flight/Vuelo No:		Time/Hora	
	dd/mm	Airport:			

Please note this information is required in order to provide delegates and permanent observers with transportation to and from the Dr. José Francisco Peña Gómez International Airport of the Americas.

Esta información es requerida para proporcionar a los delegados y observadores permanentes el servicio de transporte desde y hacia el Aeropuerto Internacional de las Américas, "Dr. José Francisco Peña Gómez."

VISA APPLICATION FORM

FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF DELEGATIONS, PERMANENT OBSERVERS, AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
WHO REQUIRE A DOMINICAN VISA

Place and date

Country of departure: _____

Surname(s): _____

Given name(s): _____

Nationality: _____

Passport number: _____

Type of passport: _____

Passport issued by _____ Issue date: _____ Expiration date: _____
Country

Country of residence: _____

Place and date of birth: _____

Sex: _____

Information on spouse *

Surname(s): _____

Given name(s): _____

Nationality: _____

Passport number: _____

Type of passport: _____

Passport issued by _____ Issue date: _____ Expiration date: _____
Country

The attached document was prepared by the Government of the Dominican Republic to facilitate the obtaining of entry visas for the Dominican Republic for travelers from countries on the respective lists. Participants or representatives from permanent observer countries accredited to the Organization of American States from countries not listed who wish to obtain courtesy visas are asked to contact the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the OAS for assistance in completing the respective formalities.

*** Complete only if traveling with spouse**



REPUBLICA DOMINICANA

Secretaría de Estado de Relaciones Exteriores

APPENDIX

According to Law No. 875 on visas, a foreign national traveling to the Dominican Republic must have a visa in his/her travel document, issued at one of our Consulates, with the exception of nationals of countries with which the Dominican Republic has concluded agreements for the waiver of visas and nationals of countries authorized to travel to the country with a tourist card, as long as the visit is for purposes of tourism.

Visa or tourist card waiver countries (valid for foreign nationals who wish to enter the Dominican Republic and vice versa)

1. Argentina
2. Chile
3. South Korea
4. Ecuador
5. Israel
6. Japan
7. Peru
8. Uruguay

***Iceland** was excluded because it is party to the Schengen Agreement; therefore, the reciprocal visa waiver agreement with the Dominican Republic does not apply. This country is now being evaluated for inclusion on the **list of countries whose nationals may enter with tourist cards**.

***Liechtenstein** was excluded because the reciprocal visa waiver agreement is not being applied. This country is now being evaluated for inclusion on the **list of countries whose nationals may enter with tourist cards**.

Visa waiver countries for nationals carrying diplomatic, official, or service passports:

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| 1. Argentina | 14. Japan |
| 2. Belize | 15. Mexico (except official passports) |
| 3. Brazil | 16. Morocco |
| 4. Chile | 17. Nicaragua |
| 5. Costa Rica | 18. Panama |
| 6. South Korea | 19. Peru |
| 7. Colombia | 20. Principality of Liechtenstein |
| 8. Ecuador | 21. Holy See |
| 9. El Salvador | 22. Switzerland (except official passports) |
| 10. Guatemala | 23. Ukraine |
| 11. Honduras | 24. Uruguay |
| 12. Italy | 25. Republic of China (Taiwan) |
| 13. Israel | |

Countries whose nationals require a tourist card (for tourism purposes only):

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| 1. Germany | 29. Turks and Caicos Islands |
| 2. Andorra | 30. Italy |
| 3. Antigua and Barbuda | 31. Jamaica |
| 4. Aruba | 32. Lithuania |
| 5. Australia | 33. Luxembourg |
| 6. Austria | 34. Macedonia |
| 7. Bahamas (The) | 35. Mexico |
| 8. Barbados | 36. Monaco |
| 9. Belgium | 37. Norway |
| 10. Brazil | 38. New Zealand |
| 11. Bolivia | 39. Paraguay |
| 12. Canada | 40. Poland |
| 13. Costa Rica | 41. Portugal |
| 14. Croatia | 42. Czech Republic |
| 15. Denmark | 43. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales) |
| 16. Dominica | 44. Netherlands (Holland, Curacao, and St. Maarten) |
| 17. Slovakia | 45. Russia* |
| 18. Slovenia | 46. Saint Kitts and Nevis |
| 19. El Salvador | 47. San Marino |
| 20. Spain | 48. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| 21. United States of America (includes Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Hawaii) | 49. Saint Lucia |
| 22. Finland | 50. Sweden |
| 23. France (French Guiana, Martinique, Guadeloupe, and Réunion) | 51. Switzerland |
| 24. Greece | 52. Suriname |
| 25. Guatemala | 53. Trinidad and Tobago |
| 26. Honduras | 54. Ukraine* |
| 27. Hungary | 55. Venezuela |
| 28. Ireland | 56. Serbia and Montenegro (still under evaluation) |

* **Nationals of Russia and Ukraine may enter the country with a tourist card until the Dominican Republic opens a consulate in those countries.**

- Note:**
1. If a traveler requires a visa and no consulate in the country offers that service, the person may go to the nearest consulate.
 2. A tourist wishing to prolong his or her stay in the country may request an extension from the immigration office (*Dirección General de Migración*).