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### **I. Official Program**

The thirty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly will be held from June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, in the city of San Pedro Sula, Republic of Honduras.

The official schedule of activities of the General Assembly is available on the OAS Web page: [www.oas.org](http://www.oas.org) (click on "General Assembly") or, directly, at [www.oas.org/39aq](http://www.oas.org/39aq). At the same time, the Government of Honduras has set up a web site with information related to the General Assembly: [www.agoea39.gob.hn](http://www.agoea39.gob.hn)

The preliminary media briefing is scheduled for Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 pm, with the participation of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Honduras, the OAS Secretary General, and the OAS Assistant Secretary General.

## **II. Central theme for the General Assembly**

Honduras decided that the theme for this assembly is "Towards a Culture of Nonviolence". The Secretary General of the OAS, Jose Miguel Insulza, agreed that this is a key issue for the region. "There is a great concern among the citizens of the Americas by the serious increase of violence in personal relationships and the increase of organized crime and any crime that is becoming increasingly transnational".

## **III. Working languages and documents**

The proceedings of the General Assembly will be conducted in the four official languages of the Organization: English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in those languages. Sound feeds for the inaugural session and the plenary sessions will also be provided in those languages. Official documents in the four official General Assembly languages will be available on the OAS General Assembly Web site and, in hard copy, at the International Press Center.

## **IV. Participants**

The following Member States will participate in the thirty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly:

Antigua and Barbuda	Dominican Republic	Paraguay
Argentina	Ecuador	Peru
Bahamas	El Salvador	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Barbados	Grenada	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Belize	Guatemala	Saint Lucia
Bolivia	Guyana	Suriname
Brazil	Haiti	Trinidad and Tobago
Canada	Honduras	United States
Chile	Jamaica	Uruguay
Honduras	Mexico	Venezuela
Costa Rica	Nicaragua	
Dominica	Panama	

## **V. Site of the meetings of the General Assembly**

Meetings and sessions will be held in the Centro Social Hondureño Arabe, located at 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. 1 and 4 Calle, Barrio Rio de Piedras, in the city of San Pedro Sula, Republic of Honduras. The International Press Center (IPC) will be operating at the same location.

The Opening Ceremony will be held at the Centro Social Hondureño Arabe on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009, at 09:00, with the participation of the President of the Republic of Honduras, H.E. Jose Manuel Zelaya and the Secretary General of the OAS, H.E. Jose Miguel Insulza.

## VI. Pre-Assembly information for the media

Information on the agenda and the schedule of activities for the thirty-ninth regular session of the OAS General Assembly is available at the following web pages: [www.oas.org](http://www.oas.org) and [www.oas.org/39ag](http://www.oas.org/39ag)

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The offices of the OAS Press Department and of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Honduras, located in the International Press Center (IPC), will be open from May 29<sup>th</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 08:00 to 20:00. Staff from the OAS and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Honduras, together with volunteers, will provide information on press services as well as on general matters.

## **VII. Media credentials**

### **A. Credential process**

Media representatives interested in attending the General Assembly session must apply online by completing the appropriate credentials form, available on the official site [www.oas.org/39ag](http://www.oas.org/39ag) and on the Web page of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Honduras [www.agoea39.gob.hn](http://www.agoea39.gob.hn). The deadline for submitting the credentials form is Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 14:00 (EST). The office of the Media Activities Coordinator for the Assembly will confirm via e-mail reception of applications. Decisions regarding the application will also be informed via e-mail.

Due to space restrictions the OAS General Secretariat reserves the right to limit the number of credentials per media outlet.

### **B. Basic Requirements**

This is an individual application process. The request can only be processed online and through the OAS General Secretariat.

Applications must be accompanied by a digital letter, Maximum size: 1Mb, from the media outlet editor/director requesting credentials, specifically naming the media representative(s) to be credentialed.

It must also be accompanied by a recent color photo of the journalist in Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) format. Maximum file size: 250 Kb. Resolution: 121 pixels high and 91 pixels wide. Specific instructions and credentials form may be found at the following URL: <http://www.oas.org/garspress/Default.aspx?lng=eng>

Media representatives are asked to provide all of the information required on the form in order to be considered for credentials.

### **C. Credential pick-up**

Media credentials will be distributed at the Office of Accreditations located at Area de Servicio al Cliente de SULACEL, Boulevard Morazán (1a. Calle) between 8 y 9 Avenida Oeste at the opposite corner of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, across the street from Centro Comercial Nova Prisa, starting May 28<sup>th</sup>, in the following hours:

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> of May, between 09:00 and 17:00.
- Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> of May to Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, between 08:00 and 18:00
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June, between 08:00 and 14:00

For security reasons and to control access to the site of the General Assembly meetings, members of the media must carry at all times their media outlet identification cards, in addition to the General Assembly press credentials issued by the OAS. Media representatives must visibly display the two IDs (media outlet identification and OAS credentials) to gain access to the meetings and events they have been invited to and those they have been authorized to attend.

## **VIII. Media Pools**

Media pools will consist in small groups of media representatives (photographers and cameramen) who will have access to a photo-op with the heads of delegation at the opening ceremony and plenary session. The pools will be permitted to cover events such as the forum of the private sector, unions and civil society, and have opportunities to record the official photo, the plenary session and bilateral meetings

## **IX. International Press Center (IPC)**

An International Press Center will be set up in the Centro Social Hondureño Arabe to provide media representatives with all necessary services to cover the General Assembly session.

The IPC will be open from Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> until Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 08:00 until 22:00

The International Press Center will provide media representatives with services that include electrical outlets (110 volts, 60 cycles), wireless Internet connections, document distribution, as well as host broadcaster services, including closed-circuit radio and video coverage of the plenary sessions and sound and video feeds.

Services for basic video editing and satellite transmission will also be provided upon request, at the user's expense. (See item XIII for more information on the host broadcaster.)

Media representatives will have access to telephone lines, to be used at the caller's expense.

The International Press Center will provide a private area for the press, with a limited number of computers with Internet access. In addition, fax, photocopying, and printing services will be available, at the user's expense.

The Government of Honduras will provide additional Internet connections and wireless access in that area at no charge for those with their own computers. Journalists covering the General Assembly session are urged to bring their laptops. Computer and network administration technicians will be available to assist with network or wireless Internet connections.

There will be large screens (closed circuit) to enable journalists to follow General Assembly sessions, press conferences, the arrival of dignitaries, etc., as well as a display with information. Work spaces in the International Press Center may not be reserved in advance.

A documents counter in the International Press Center will provide journalists with hard copies of the GA/OAS documents as well as with copies of statements made by heads of delegation, as these are made available by delegations. The daily list of activities, press releases, and other news materials will also be available from the documents counter. All these materials will also be available electronically on the GA/OAS Web page: [www.oas.org/39ag](http://www.oas.org/39ag).

Certain areas will be set aside for television interviews, but equipment will not be provided. To use the sets, reservations will have to be made with the person responsible for the room.

Note: Plug adapters and modem connectors will not be available for sale in the International Press Center. Journalists must bring their own. Journalists should also consider bringing mini-plug, telephone adapters and chargers.

#### **X. Press Conference Room events**

The Press Conference Room is located in the International Press Center at the Centro Social Hondureño Arabe.

Ministers of foreign affairs and heads of delegation may request the room to hold their press conferences and to make statements. Reservations must be made through the office of the OAS General Secretariat Press Department or the Press Conference Room Coordinator.

Two official events have been scheduled to be held in the Press Conference Room:

- The preliminary media briefing, scheduled for Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 12:00 pm, with the participation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Honduras, the OAS Secretary General, and the OAS Assistant Secretary General.
- The Closing press conference, on Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 19:00, with the participation of the President of the General Assembly and the OAS Secretary General. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for these two events.

#### **XI. General Assembly parallel events**

##### **A. Closing and award ceremony of the Talent and Innovation Competition of the Americas**

(For these events, OAS Press Credential is not required)

- **Expo and Finals of the Talent and Innovation Competition of the Americas (TIC Americas 2009)**  
Copantl Hotel, San Pedro Sula, May 29-30, 2009, 09:00 – 17:00
- **TIC Americas 2009 Awards Ceremony**  
Copantl Hotel, San Pedro Sula, May 20th, 2009, 19:00 – 21:00

The Young Americas Business Trust (YABT) held during 2008-2009 the third Talent and Innovation Competition of the Americas, an international business plan competition and accelerator for young entrepreneurs up to age 35. This competition allows young people to incorporate their businesses into the real market. TIC Americas goes beyond traditional business plan competitions in that it incorporates the elements of training, mentoring, access to entrepreneurial resources and other opportunities that young entrepreneurs need to make their businesses grow in the national and international marketplace. For more information visit [www.ticamericas.net](http://www.ticamericas.net) or [www.ybiz.net](http://www.ybiz.net)

##### **B. Dialogue of heads of delegations with the Representatives of the workers of the member states**

Centro Social Hondureño Arabe, San Pedro Sula, June 1st, 09:00 – 10:30

##### **C. Dialogue of heads of delegation with Representatives of the private sector forum**

Centro Social Hondureño Arabe, San Pedro Sula, June 1st, 10:45 – 12:15

The heads of delegation attending the thirty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly will also meet with private-sector representatives in a dialogue chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Honduras, Patricia Rodas; the OAS Secretary General, José Miguel Insulza; and the OAS Assistant Secretary General, Ambassador Albert Ramdin.

**D. Dialogue of heads of delegation with permanent observers**

Hotel Crowne Plaza, Mezzanino, San Pedro Sula, June 1st, 13:00 – 14:30

The ministers of foreign affairs, heads of delegation of the OAS member countries, and the Secretary General, José Miguel Insulza, will meet with the heads of delegation of the permanent observer countries to discuss the theme of the General Assembly and other matters of common interest, including economic cooperation.

**E. Dialogue of heads of delegation with civil society representatives**

Centro Social Hondureño Arabe, San Pedro Sula, June 1st, 14:45 – 16:15

The purpose of the dialogue among the ministers of foreign affairs or the heads of delegation of the OAS member states, the OAS Secretary General, and civil society representatives is to exchange experiences and generate recommendations for consideration by the heads of delegation in their ongoing deliberations at the General Assembly session. For more information on the requirements for participation in the dialogue, please visit the Summits Secretariat Web page: [www.civil-society.oas.org](http://www.civil-society.oas.org).

**XII. Opening ceremony**

Due to special security measures and space limitation, for the opening ceremony of the thirty-ninth regular session of the OAS General Assembly (June 2nd), access to the Centro Social Hondureño Arabe will be restricted to invited guests. The ceremony will be available on a closed circuit in the International Press Center, with sound feeds in the four working languages of the General Assembly. AV coverage of this event will be limited to a number of still photographers and camera crews, who will be escorted by OAS Press Department liaison staff.

**XIII. Host broadcaster**

Canal 8 will serve as host broadcaster for the General Assembly. It will provide media with exclusive video and audio coverage of the meetings. The services will be available in the International Press Center as of 08:00 on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The services provided by the host broadcaster during the General Assembly session will be made available to the national and international media. The host broadcaster will provide live and delayed access to the audio and video signal from the various events at the General Assembly session. It will offer radio and television coverage of high technical quality, with a clear image, without captions or commentary.

The host broadcaster will provide news about the General Assembly session via a closed-circuit system, which will be broadcast throughout the day, both live and pre-recorded, at the Convention Center and Exhibit Hall (International Press Center).

The host broadcaster will provide continuous live audio and video coverage of the General Assembly in the International Press Center, including the preliminary media briefing; the meetings of foreign ministers with civil society, permanent observers, and the private sector; the inaugural session from the Metropolitan Theater; the plenary sessions; the meetings of the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG); the closing session; and the Closing press conference.

Among the delayed broadcasts are statements by the heads of delegation, the signing of conventions, press conferences of foreign ministers, and other events of public interest.

Mult boxes will be provided in the International Press Center. Mult boxes provide various audio feeds, in the four official languages, and a video feed. Audio drops will be in XLR format and video will be BNC. For other broadcasts, there will be two audio channels, depending on availability. All video material will be provided in NTSC format (Betacam-SP) and distributed in the International Press Center Broadcast Room through BNC connectors. The broadcasts will also be available in taped format (Betacam-SP), at the requester's expense.

For more information on taping, editing, and video copy services, please contact Cesar Romero, TV & Production Coordinator, phone +504 231 31 21 or by e-mail at [cromero@agoea39.gob.hn](mailto:cromero@agoea39.gob.hn)

**XIV. Satellite broadcasts**

Facilities for editing video and satellite broadcasts, managed by the host broadcaster, will be located in the International Press Center.

The OAS will provide satellite uplink for live transmissions, in a comprehensive manner, of the initial press conference, the opening session, with speeches by the President of Honduras, Manuel Zelaya, and OAS Secretary General Jose Miguel Insulza among other events, as well as 15 minutes of daily pre-edited material with interventions of foreign ministers participating in the OAS General Assembly (B-Roll).

**Satellite Information:** The OAS will provide live satellite transmission with a multi-destination (open signal) as follows:

**Coordinates (For all scheduled transmissions)**

<b>Satellite 1:</b>	<b>Satmex 5</b>
Download Frequency:	4127.5
Symbol Rate:	3210
Fec:	2/3
Polarization:	Horizontal
Transponder	22C

Footprints: <http://www.satmex.com.mx/flota/satmex5.php>



**Schedule of Transmissions:**

- **Sunday, May 31st**, Initial Press Conference with the Honduran Foreign Minister and the OAS Secretary General (Live)

Test & Calibration:	17:45 (GMT)
Starting:	18:00 (GMT)
Ending:	19:00 (GMT)
Time of transmission:	60 min.
Approx	30 min.

- **Monday, June 1st**, Press Summary (B-Roll)

Test & Calibration:	18:45 (GMT)
Starting:	19:00 (GMT)
Ending:	19:15 (GMT)
Time of Transmission:	15 min.
Approx	15 min.

- **Tuesday, June 2nd**, Opening Ceremony of the OAS General Assembly (Live)

Test & Calibration:	14:45 (GMT)
Starting:	15:00 (GMT)
Ending:	16:30 (GMT)
Time of Transmission:	90 min.
Approx	30 min.

- **Wednesday June 3rd**, Press Summary (B-Roll)

Test & Calibration:	12:45 (GMT)
Starting:	13:00 (GMT)
Ending:	13:15 (GMT)
Time of Transmission:	15 min.
Approx	15 min.

- **Wednesday June 3rd**, Closing Ceremony and final Press Conference (Live) (TBD)

Test & Calibration:	00:45 (GMT) (6/04)
Starting:	01:00 (GMT) (6/04)
Ending:	02:00 (GMT) (6/04)
Time of Transmission:	60 min.
Approx	30 min.

For more information on these transmissions and reservations for other satellite transmissions, please contact, Francisco Hernández Pon, Transmissions Coordinator: +504 235 30 18 / 235 30 19 or via e-mail: [fhernandez@agoea39.gob.hn](mailto:fhernandez@agoea39.gob.hn) ; or contact the Department of Communications & Institutional Image of the OAS: Luis Batlle, +504 7251 4834, via e-mail: [lbattle@oas.org](mailto:lbattle@oas.org) or Martin Ribeiro, +504 7251 4836, via e-mail: [mribeiro@oas.org](mailto:mribeiro@oas.org)

**XV. Internet: Web page, Webcast, photos, and document distribution**

The OAS has a dedicated Website for the General Assembly with live and on-demand audio and video Webcast and broad coverage of all the proceedings of the Assembly session. The General Assembly Website is located at the following address: [www.oea.org](http://www.oea.org) (click on “General Assembly”) or [www.oas.org/39ag](http://www.oas.org/39ag).

High-resolution photos of the events will be posted on this Website immediately after they are recorded for distribution to the media free of charge for publication, with the corresponding credits. Official documents, draft resolutions, reports, speeches, press releases, and other documents will also be posted on the Internet page in real time.

The OAS will provide live and on-demand Webcasting of the OAS General Assembly meetings and sessions, in the four official languages, in high- and low-resolution streams. The live Webcast broadcast will include the meetings with the foreign ministers, the opening ceremony, the plenary sessions, and the press conferences.

Webcast transmission will be available via the General Assembly Website. To incorporate this link into your Website, please e-mail: [oasweb@oas.org](mailto:oasweb@oas.org) or contact Luis Batlle, +1 202 458 3336 or via e-mail at [lbattle@oas.org](mailto:lbattle@oas.org) or Carlo Koo, +1 202 458 6074 or via e-mail at [Ckoo@oas.org](mailto:Ckoo@oas.org) or Claudio Lisman, President of Primestream, via e-mail: [clisman@primestream.com](mailto:clisman@primestream.com) or Daniel Formica, Technical Assistant, Primestream via e-mail: [Daniel@primestream.com](mailto:Daniel@primestream.com)

Radio stations and television stations desiring to rebroadcast this Webcast feed are authorized to do so.

**XVI. AV coverage (photographic and video) of plenary sessions**

Every morning, at the start of the plenary sessions, a limited number of still photographers and camera crews will be allowed to enter the plenary hall in the company of OAS Press Department liaison staff. Representatives of the OAS Press Department, along with representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Honduras, will be responsible for coordinating these photo opportunities, which will last 10 minutes.

**XVII. Private Dialogue of Ministers of Foreign Affairs**

Date: Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Time: 15:30, Place: Centro Social Hondureño Arabe. Journalists will not have access to the Private Dialogue of Ministers of Foreign Affairs. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Honduras will provide journalists with a room where they may await the departure of the ministers of foreign affairs.

**XVIII. Photo opportunities for bilateral meetings**

Photo opportunities will be available for those bilateral meetings between delegations of the Member States and/or observer countries that are open to the press for coverage. Media representatives covering these meetings will be asked to assemble in the International Press Center, from where liaison staff from the OAS Press Department and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Honduras will accompany them to the meeting sites. A schedule of bilateral meetings will be issued daily.

**XIX. Security requirements**

The Government of Honduras will be responsible for overall security at the venue. Media representatives will be responsible for the security of their own technical gear.

For security reasons and to control access to the site of the General Assembly meetings, members of the media are required to wear their own media outlet identification cards, in addition to their credentials (press credentials issued by the OAS General Secretariat). These two IDs (media outlet identification and OAS credentials) must be visibly displayed at all times.

To ensure the security of all attendees, anyone entering the Centro Social Hondureño Arabe facilities will be required to go through a security screening, including metal detectors, briefcase/handbag inspection, etc., at all meetings and event access control points (international procedure).

**XX. Access to special events**

Invitations will be required for participation in special events that might be scheduled. For protocol and security reasons, invitations must be shown for access to these events.

**XXI. Loss of identification cards**

In case of loss of an identification card, the General Assembly's security office and the staff of the General Secretariat's Press Department must be notified immediately in writing. A careful search will be conducted before new credentials are issued.

**XXII. Access for vehicles**

Broadcast vehicles authorized to enter the restricted security area will be provided with a special tag. However, occupants of the vehicle may not enter the area without their identification cards. To request media vehicle registration, contact Anibal Melara of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, e-mail: [amelara@agoea39.gob.hn](mailto:amelara@agoea39.gob.hn) , phone: +504 234 1295

**XXIII. Air transportation**

It is recommended that media representatives reserve their round-trip flights as early as possible, directly with the airlines or their travel agencies.

The departure tax for foreigners is \$34.04 and for Honduran citizens \$31.04 or its equivalent in Lempiras at the current exchange rate. This tax is subject to variations from the national aviation authorities.

**XXIV. Temporary importation of equipment**

The Government of the Republic of Honduras is responsible for authorizing the temporary importation of equipment required for General Assembly press coverage. The equipment must be registered upon entry into the country with the competent authority (Office of National Taxes and Customs). For assistance in this regard, please contact the Coordinator for Immigration and Airport, Tania Toro via e-mail: [TToro@agoea39.gob.hn](mailto:TToro@agoea39.gob.hn)

**XXV. Local transportation during the General Assembly session**

Insofar as possible, the host country will provide media representatives credentialed to the General Assembly with transportation, according to an established schedule, between the hotels suggested for the press and the Centro Social Hondureño Arabe, site of the General Assembly session.

**XXVI. Republic of Honduras entry and departure requirements**

It is suggested that media representatives from countries whose citizens require entry visas for the Republic of Honduras submit their applications beforehand to the nearest Embassy or Consulate of the Republic of Honduras. Participants must obtain their visas before traveling to the General Assembly.

In the event there is no Honduran consulate or embassy in your country, please contact Aracely Banegas, Migration and Customs, via e-mail: [abanegas@agoea39.gob.hn](mailto:abanegas@agoea39.gob.hn) to make the necessary arrangements.

Health regulations issued by the Secretariat of Health of the Republic of Honduras require that all national or foreign travelers leaving or **entering Honduras from countries** where yellow fever is endemic must receive a yellow fever vaccination. This requirement includes travelers from countries such as: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, French Guyana, Guyana, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Rwanda, San Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, and Uganda.

Immigration offices will require an international yellow fever vaccination certificate, which will be considered valid if the vaccination was given 10 days before entry into Honduras. The certificate is valid for only 10 years.

**XXVII. Communications**

International telephone calls may be made, either collect or at the caller's expense, from the telephone booths available in the International Press Center facilities during the General Assembly session.

Any media representative wishing to install a special dedicated line shall be responsible for all expenses incurred in its installation and use. Any media outlet interested in doing so should submit a request to the Communications Coordinator of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cesar Romero no later than May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**XXVIII. Medical assistance**

A consolidated emergency plan has been developed for use of the medical services of the primary hospitals and clinics in the city of San Pedro Sula, which have the human and technological resources to provide all types of immediate care to patients. The corresponding costs will be borne by the media outlet or representative using the services.

Similarly, first-aid stations will be set up in the Centro Social Hondureño Arabe, the principal General Assembly site. These stations will be open during official General Assembly hours.

**XXIX. General information**

**a) Hours:** Businesses open at 10:00 and close at 18:00 hours Monday to Friday, and 10:00 to 20:00 hours on Saturdays. Shopping centers operate seven days a week until 20:00. Banks operate Monday to Friday between 08:00 and 16:30 hours. Most government offices work Monday to Friday between 08:00 and 17:30

**b) Weather:** At the time the General Assembly is held, San Pedro Sula has an average temperature of 26 degrees C (78 degrees F approximately).

**c) Electricity:** Electric current is 110 volts AC, 60 cycles.

**d) Local time:** Local time is GMT - 5 (summer).

**e) Area Code:** + 504

**f) Currency:** The currency of Honduras is the Lempira. The representative market rate, March 16<sup>th</sup>, is 18.69 Lempiras per 1.00 U.S. dollar. International credit cards are accepted in most hotels and businesses in general.

**XXX. Hotel Reservations**

Following is the list of hotels that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Honduras recommends to media representatives:

NOMBRE	Sencilla	Doble	Triple	Jr. Suite	Suite	Sitio Web
Honduras Plaza	\$57	\$67	\$73	*	*	www.hotelhondurasplaza.net
Metrotel Express	\$78	\$98	*	*	\$94	www.metrotelexpress.com
Gran Hotel Sula	\$105	\$115	*	*	\$115	www.hotelsula.hn
Casa del Árbol	\$65	\$90	*	*	*	www.hotelcasadelarbol.com
Hotel Los Jícaros	\$60	\$65	\$85	*	*	www.usula.com
Hostal La Estancia del Pedregal	\$80	\$89	*	\$99	*	www.laestanciadelopedregal.com
Casa Luna	\$65	\$80	*	*	*	www.hotelcasaluna.blogspot.com
Hotel Casa Guacamaya	\$54	\$59	*	*	\$64	www.casaguacamaya.com
Hotel Sueño del Sol	\$45	\$55	\$65	\$70	\$80	www.hotelsuenodelsol.com
Hostal del Valle	\$40	\$45	*	*	*	www.hostaldelvalle.com
Ejecutivo	\$55	\$65	\$75	*	*	www.hotel-ejecutivo.com
Family Inn	\$50	\$58	\$75	*	*	www.familyinn.com
Hotel Casa María	\$50	\$60	\$70	*	*	www.hotelcasamaria.com
Boutique Isabella	\$ 110	\$130	\$170	*	*	www.hotelisabellahn.com
Hotel Casa Bambu	\$65	\$80	*	*	*	
Arcamiz Suite	\$65	\$75	*	\$85	*	inforarcamizsuites@yahoo.com
Boutique Casa Merendon	\$80	\$100	*	\$90	\$100	www.hotelcasamerendon.com
B & B Casa Colonial	\$60	\$80	*	\$80	*	
Suites del Valle	\$44	\$55	*	*	*	www.suitesdelvalle.com

Las Tarifas anteriores no Incluyen el 16% por concepto de impuestos  
Todas las Tarifas incluyen desayuno e internet inalámbrico - (\*) Tipo de Habitación No disponibles

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