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**FORTY-NINTH REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
June 26 to 28, 2019  
Medellin, Colombia**

**INFORMATION BULLETIN**

*Delegations may download the documents from the website:*

<http://www.oas.org/49ga>



**1. Venue of the General Assembly**

The forty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States will be held from June 26 to 28, 2019, in the city of Medellin, Colombia. The working sessions will be held in Plaza Mayor, composed of the Convention Center and the Exhibitions Hall, located at Calle 41 N° 55-80, Medellin, Colombia.

The inaugural session will be held on Wednesday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m., with the President of the Republic of Colombia, Dr. Iván Duque Márquez, in attendance.

**2. National General Coordination**

National General Coordination will be handled by:

**Ms. ADRIANA MEJIA HERNANDEZ**

Vice Minister for Multilateral Affairs

National Coordinator for the OAS 49th session of the OAS General Assembly

**3. Hotels**

Through the National Coordination Office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia will centralize the room reservations in the Medellin hotels initially reserved for accommodation, as shown in Table 1, for the official delegations to and participants in the OAS General Assembly session.

The Government of Colombia will cover the costs of accommodation in the Hotel InterContinental for three nights, June 26, 27, and 28, 2019, only for the heads of delegation of the member states. Other delegates are to cover their own costs.

The National Coordination Office has reserved a block of rooms in the Hotel InterContinental for heads of delegation of member states. However, additional rooms for delegation members will be reserved using the code OE5, and will be subject to availability.

Room reservations in the suggested hotels should be made through:

**Hotel Coordinator:**

Cynthia Canales Gutiérrez  
[cynthia.canales@cancilleria.gov.co](mailto:cynthia.canales@cancilleria.gov.co)

You are also requested to send to the above email address the list of the members of each country's delegation, in a note verbale addressed to the Office of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia, so that the relevant accommodation arrangements can be made.

**Table 1**

<b>Hotel Site hotel</b>	<b>Singe/Double US\$</b>	<b>Junior suites US\$</b>	<b>Breakfast included</b>	<b>Website</b>
InterContinental Medellín	138 / 170	N/A	YES	<a href="https://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/us/es/medellin/mdeha/hoteldetail">https://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/us/es/medellin/mdeha/hoteldetail</a>

<b>Hotels Additional</b>	<b>Singe/Double US\$</b>	<b>Junior suites US\$</b>	<b>Breakfast included</b>	<b>Website</b>
Binn Hotel	74 / 84	N/A	YES	<a href="https://binnhotel.com/">https://binnhotel.com/</a>
Hotel Poblado Alejandría	123 / 149	N/A	YES	<a href="https://www.pobladohoteles.com/hotel-poblado-alejandria-en-medellin/">https://www.pobladohoteles.com/hotel-poblado-alejandria-en-medellin/</a>
LQ Hotel La Quinta	130 / 143	N/A	YES	<a href="https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/es-xl/laquinta/medellin-colombia/lq-hotel-medellin/overview">https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/es-xl/laquinta/medellin-colombia/lq-hotel-medellin/overview</a>
Hotel Poblado Plaza	140 / 160	193	YES	<a href="https://www.pobladohoteles.com/hotel-poblado-plaza-en-medellin/">https://www.pobladohoteles.com/hotel-poblado-plaza-en-medellin/</a>
Four Points by Sheraton	140	280	YES	<a href="https://www.ghlhoteles.com/hoteles/colombia/medellin/four-points-sheraton-medellin/">https://www.ghlhoteles.com/hoteles/colombia/medellin/four-points-sheraton-medellin/</a>
Hotel San Fernando Plaza	179	279	YES	<a href="http://www.hotelsanfernandoplaza.com/">http://www.hotelsanfernandoplaza.com/</a>

Rooms will be assigned strictly in the order in which reservation requests are received. Each participant must pay his or her hotel bill directly prior to departure.

Reservation requests will only be confirmed if they include the number of a currently active credit card.

Starting on May 24, 2019, delegations should make arrangements for their accommodation directly with the hotels listed in Table 1.

#### **4. Colombia's entry and departure requirements**

The visa requirement for entering Colombia for holders of diplomatic and official passports may be found at the following link:

[https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites\\_servicios/visa/requisitos](https://www.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites_servicios/visa/requisitos)

Participants who require an entry visa should request one, as required in each case, at Colombian embassies or consulates (see Annex I).

#### **5. Luggage tags**

All delegations are asked to use the luggage tags that the OAS will provide in advance in order to facilitate arrival and departure procedures the city of Medellin.

#### **6. Arrival at the airport**

The Government of Colombia will arrange for officials to meet all participants at Rionegro International Airport, Antioquia. Therefore, it is important for delegates to include all their flight information in a note verbale addressed to the Office of Protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, and to send it to the following email address: [yair.ardila@cancilleria.gov.co](mailto:yair.ardila@cancilleria.gov.co), by no later than June 10, 2019.

Transportation will be provided for delegates from the airport to the hotels listed in section 3 of this Bulletin.

#### **7. Transportation**

The Government of Colombia will provide transportation for all delegates from the hotel hosting the event to the Plaza Mayor – Convention Center and Exhibition Hall and to all official social events.

Transportation will also be available for participants between the hotels listed in Section 3 and the site of the General Assembly, during the established hours.

## **8. Accreditation**

Official delegations of member and observer states, and special guests should send their letters of accreditation, in .pdf format and by email only, to the following address:

**Office of the General Assembly Secretariat**

Email: [oearegistroag@oas.org](mailto:oearegistroag@oas.org)

## **9. Registration of participants**

Once delegations have submitted their letters of accreditation, they should register on line at <http://www.oas.org/49ga>.

Identification cards will be issued beginning on June 23, 2019, in the Plaza Mayor Exhibitions Center, Green Pavilion, Calle 41 N° 55-80, Medellin, Colombia.

For security reasons, the IDs will be required for access to all General Assembly activities.

## **10. Working languages and documents**

The General Assembly working sessions will be conducted in the official languages of the Organization: Spanish, French, English, and Portuguese. Simultaneous interpretation service will be provided in all these languages. For reasons of eco-efficiency, printing of documents will be limited. Therefore, participants are asked to keep their documents for all sessions, and to obtain General Assembly documents via the following website: <http://www.oas.org/49ga>.

## **11. Currency**

The official currency in Colombia is the Colombian peso. The representative market Colombian peso-US\$ dollar exchange rate fluctuates between \$3,250 and \$3,300. International credit cards are accepted at most hotels and stores. It is suggested to exchange currency at the airport and in shopping centers since the fees charged by hotels may be higher.

## **12. Medical assistance**

The Government of Colombia will make medical services available for the delegations during session hours. The first aid room is located in the Plaza Mayor Convention Center. In addition, an ambulance will be present at all venues for Assembly events.

**13. Other services**

The InterContinental Medellin Hotel, the General Assembly site, has currency exchange, ATM, and travel office facilities.

In addition to the computers that the Government of Colombia will provide for delegates in the area assigned to them, the Hotel will provide several Internet connections for delegates who wish to use their own computers. Technical staff will be available to assist delegations with their Internet connections.

Wireless (Wi-Fi) connection will be available in the Plaza Mayor Convention Center and Exhibition Hall. The officially selected hotels are also able to provide this service to delegates.

**14. Opening hours**

Shops are open from 10:00 a.m. through to 8:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday and from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Large shopping centers are open seven days a week until 8:00 p.m.

Banks are open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Most government offices work from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

**15. Weather**

Average temperatures in Medellin in early June range from approximately 18° to 25° C (64.4 to 77° F).

**16. Electricity**

The electric current is 110 volts AC, 60 cycles.

**17. Local time**

In June, local time is one hour earlier than in Washington, D.C.  
GMT - 5 (Summer)

**18. Further information:**

For any queries regarding the information provided in this Bulletin or for further information, please visit the following page: <https://49agoea.azurewebsites.net/>



**ANNEX I  
VISAS**

Countries for which a visa is required for entry into Colombia

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>DOES/DOES NOT REQUIRE A VISA</b>
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	NO
ARGENTINA	NO
BAHAMAS	NO
BARBADOS	NO
BELIZE	NO
BOLIVIA	NO
BRAZIL	NO
CANADA	NO
COSTA RICA	NO
CHILE	NO
CUBA	YES
DOMINICA	NO
ECUADOR	NO
EL SALVADOR	NO
UNITED STATES	NO
GRENADA	NO
GUATEMALA	NO
GUYANA	NO
HAITI*	YES
HONDURAS	NO
JAMAICA	NO
MEXICO	NO
NICARAGUA*	YES
PANAMA	NO
PARAGUAY	NO
PERU	NO
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	NO
SAINT LUCIA	NO
SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	NO
SAINT KITTS AND NEVIS	NO
SURINAME+	YES
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	NO
URUGUAY	NO
VENEZUELA	NO

**Note:** \* A visa is required for all types of passport (diplomatic, official, special, and regular).

+ A visa is only required for regular passports.

PERMANENT OBSERVER COUNTRY	DOES/DOES NOT REQUIRE VISA	PERMANENT OBSERVER COUNTRY	DOES/DOES NOT REQUIRE VISA
ALBANIA	NO	JAPAN	NO
GERMANY	NO	KAZAKHSTAN	YES
ANGOLA	YES	LATVIA	YES
ALGERIA	YES	LEBANON	YES
SAUDI ARABIA	YES	LIECHTENSTEIN	NO
ARMENIA	YES	LITHUANIA	NO
AUSTRIA	NO	MALTA	NO
AZERBAIJAN	YES	LUXEMBOURG	NO
BANGLADESH	YES	MOLDOVA	YES
BELGIUM	NO	MONACO	NO
BENIN	YES	MONTENEGRO	NO
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	YES	MOROCCO+	YES
BULGARIA	YES	NIGERIA	YES
REPUBLIC OF KOREA	NO	NORWAY	NO
CROATIA	NO	NETHERLANDS	NO
CYPRUS	NO	PAKISTAN	YES
CZECH REPUBLIC	NO	PHILIPPINES	NO
DENMARK	NO	POLAND	YES
EGYPT	YES	PORTUGAL	NO
EUROPEAN UNION	NO	QATAR	YES
ESTONIA	YES	NORTH MACEDONIA	YES
SLOVAKIA	NO	ROMANIA	NO
SLOVENIA	YES	RUSSIAN FEDERATION+	YES
SPAIN	NO	HOLY SEE	YES
FINLAND	NO	SERBIA	YES
FRANCE	NO	SRI LANKA	YES
GEORGIA	YES	SWEDEN	NO
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	YES	SWITZERLAND	NO
GHANA	YES	THAILAND	YES
GREECE	NO	TUNISIA	YES
HUNGARY	NO	TURKEY	NO
ICELAND	NO	UKRAINE	YES
INDIA+	YES	UNITED KINGDOM	YES
IRELAND	YES	VANUATU	YES
ISRAEL	NO	YEMEN	YES
ITALY	NO	PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA	YES

**Note:** + Countries with which Colombia has signed visa exemption agreements for diplomatic, official, or service passports. "Nationals of countries with which Colombia has signed or will sign visa exemption agreements shall not require a visitor's visa to enter or remain in national territory as a tourist, temporary visitor, or technical visitor."