

**42nd and the Special Sessions of the D-8 Commission
09-11 October 2019**

Administrative Arrangements

1. INTRODUCTION

The information contained herein is for the benefit of and reference to the delegates attending the 42nd Session and the Special Session of the D-8 Commission on 9-11 October 2019 in İstanbul, Turkey.

2. MEETING INFORMATION

2.1 Date and Venue:

Date: 9-11 October 2019 Venue: Conrad İstanbul Bosphorus Hotel (Cihannüma Mah. Saray Cad. No: 5 Beşiktaş/İstanbul, Tel: +90 (212) 310 25 25,
<https://conradhotels3.hilton.com/en/hotels/turkey/conrad-istanbul-bosphorus-ISTHCCI/index.html>)

3. HOSPITALITY

The Government of the Republic of Turkey will provide complimentary accommodation (room and breakfast only) for each attending Commissioner+1 for four nights (8,9, 10 and 11 October 2019).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey will arrange a suitable meeting room at the Conrad Istanbul Bosphorus Hotel for three-day meetings and provide lunch and refreshments during the Commission Sessions.

4. ARRIVALS, DEPARTURES AND TRANSPORTATION

The Embassies of the Member Countries must provide information concerning the arrival and departure of their country's delegation to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey by Note Verbale by 4 October at canan.bilecen@mfa.gov.tr .

Necessary transport support will remain in place for delegates' transfer between the airport and the hotel during their arrival and departure on the occasion of the Commission.

5. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Information on visa requirements can be obtained from the following websites:
<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa> <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>

5. GENERAL INFORMATION

5.1 Climate

Average temperature for Istanbul in October is 22° Celsius during day time and 17° Celsius during the nights. More information on weather can be obtained from www.accuweather.com.

5.2 Currency

Currency exchange rate (October 2019) is as follows: 1 US Dollar : 5,71 Turkish Liras 1 Euro : 6.25 Turkish Liras

5.3 Credit Cards

Commonly used credit cards are widely accepted in Istanbul.

5.4 Electricity and sockets

Electricity is 220 volts, 50 Hz. Wall outlets take Continental-style plugs with two round prongs.

5.5 Time Zone

Turkey is three (03) hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +3).

5.6 Contact Information

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