
**Framework Convention
for the Protection of the Marine
Environment of the Caspian Sea**

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**CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
Third Meeting
Aktau, 10-12 August 2011**

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. GENERAL

1. The Third Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Caspian Sea is scheduled to be held from 10 to 12 August 2011 at the Grand Nur Plaza Hotel, in Aktau, Kazakhstan.

II. MEETING SCHEDULE

2. The tentative schedule for the Conference is as follows.

WORKING SESSIONS

3. The working sessions will be opened at 10:00 hours on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, in Congress Hall, Grand Nur Plaza Hotel.

HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

4. The Inaugural Session will start on 11 August 2011 at 14.00 with a welcome note from the host Government.

III. PRE-REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

5. A registration desk will be set up at the entrance of the Grand Nur Plaza Hotel on the following day during the hours indicated:

10 August 2011

09:00-9:50 hours

Participants attending the events are required to register and obtain meeting badges prior to the opening of the Conference on 10 August 2011.

6. For identification and security reasons, meeting badges should be worn visibly at all times during the meetings and at social functions.

IV. WEATHER

7. The average temperature in Aktau in August normally varies from +35 to +40°C.

V. FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND BANKING FACILITIES

8. The currency in Kazakhstan is the Tenge. Foreign currency and traveller's cheques can be exchanged in banks and at exchange counters without restriction. The current rate of exchange against the United States dollar is approximately KZT 146.
9. Major European and international credit cards, including Visa and MasterCard, are accepted in the larger hotels, department stores, restaurants and supermarkets.

VII. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

10. The list of hotels in Aktau:

Nr.	Name and address	Room Prices	Description
1	<p>"Victoriya" hotel ***</p> <p>Address: 4, 15 mcr. dstr. Phones: +7(7292) 439516, 427745, Fax +7(7292) 439501, victoriajtel@freemail.ru</p>	\$60 – \$200	<p>"Victoriya" hotel locates 50 meters away from Caspian sea in Aktau. Accommodation for the tourists and business travelers. Hotel rooms are equipped with air conditioning. Each hotel room has balcony and equipped kitchen. Wonderful view of the sea. Telephones are at every room. "Victoriya" hotel has nice bar and restaurant - best places for you and your friends or business partners. High level of service.</p>
2	<p>Hotel "Aktau"****</p> <p>Area(-s): Mcr.district 2 Reference points: Kazcom bank, Shum shopping center Address: 66, 2 mcr. dstr. Phones: +7(7292) 504707, +7(7292) 504750, laura-94@mail.ru</p>	\$55 - \$180	<p>Wonderful view of Caspian sea through the windows in one of the best things of "Aktau" hotel. The hotel locates at the city center near the main shopping centers, banks and restaurants. "Aktau" hotel is the best combination of good price and high level of service. Each hotel room in "Aktau" equipped with TV, wardrobe, telephone, refrigerator, Internet, spacious bathroom. Famous pub "Guns and Roses" locates at the hotel building. There is also restaurant, billiard.</p>
3	<p>"Rakhat" hotel ***</p> <p>Area(-s): Mcr.district 1 Reference points: Manila beach Address: 1 mcr. dstr. Phones: +7(7292) 505013, +7(7292) 507205, +7(7292) 501755, hotelrahata@nursat.kz</p>	\$95 - \$160	<p>"Rakhat" hotel locates at the beach side of Caspian sea in Aktau near the famous Manilla beach. "Rakhat" hotel in Aktau offers comfortable suites. Each room is equipped with air conditioning, cable TV, mini-bar, telephone. There is a restaurant and bar on the third floor of the hotel building. Sauna, billiard, bowling center, business center invite you to spend nice time. Internet is provided at the hotel. Breakfast is included in price.</p>
4	<p>"Golden Palace Hotel"*****</p> <p>Area(-s): Mcr.district 6 Reference points: business center</p>	\$125 - \$280	<p>4-star hotel "Golden Palace Hotel" in Aktau is glad to offer comfortable accommodation at one of 14 hotel rooms that are equipped with satellite tv, Internet Wi-Fi, telephones, mini-bars, safes. Spacious bathrooms with the</p>

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	Address: 40a, 6 mcr. dstr. Phones: +7(7292) 600171, +7(7292) 600172, +7(7292) 600173, gphotelaktau@mail.ru		modern shower cubicles. Breakfast is included in price.
5	Grand Hotel Victory **** Area(-s): Mcr. district 13 Reference points: center Address: 25a, 13 mcr. dstr. Phones: +7(7292) 593100, +7(7292) 593101	\$180 - \$650	International hotel at the center of Aktau "Grand hotel Victory" offers rooms of different categories - standard, deluxe and also queen room. Each room in very comfortable and warm. Hotel rooms are equipped with satellite TV, safes, mini-bars. Spacious bathrooms with the shower and jacuzzi. Restaurant "A La Carte Vogue" at the hotel building invites guests to spend the unforgettable time. English pub "The Old Forester" is the best place for the company of friends. There are also several bars, billiard center at the "Grand Hotel Victory" Aktau.
6	Grand Nur Plaza Convention Center ***** Address: 29a mcr. dstr. Phones: +7(7292) 200000, 405601, sales@grandnurplaza.com ; info@grandnurplaza.com	\$150 - \$1000	"Grand Nur Plaza Convention Center" is the 5-star hotel complex in Aktau near the Caspian sea. Wonderful view of the sea, high level of service, warmth and comfort for the each guest of Aktau. Hotel rooms of different categories are equipped with the modern technology, Italian furniture. <i>Additional services:</i> -restaurant "Sultan" -bar -business centre -conference halls -laundry -spa centre -fitness -saunas -pool -beauty centre -offices <i>Breakfast is included in price.</i>

VIII. PAYMENT OF HOTEL ACCOUNTS

11. Before departing from Aktau, participants are expected to settle directly with the respective hotels all accounts, including room charges and other expenses, such as for local and long-distance telephone calls, Internet use, business centre use, laundry, room service and hotel transportation services, as well as mini-bar items and restaurant and bar services. Participants are also responsible for any charges incurred with respect to rooms remaining vacant owing to their late arrival or rescheduled departure for which inadequate prior notice is given.

IX. RECEPTION ON ARRIVAL

12. Transportation for participants from the official hotels and back to the airport will be provided.

X. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

13. Shuttle bus services will be provided to participants staying in the official hotels.
14. Participants not staying in any of the designated hotels will be responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the airport as well as between their respective hotels and the event place.

XI. PUBLIC TRANSPORT

15. Aktau International Airport is 25 km from the city centre. Taxis can be hired for KZT 2000-2500 (\$14-\$17).

XII. MEETING DOCUMENTS

16. All information and documents of the event will be made available in the English and Russian at <http://www.tehranconvention.org>

XIII. INQUIRIES

17. Participants desiring further information or assistance may contact the following:

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