



## NATO Parliamentary Assembly

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### SPRING SESSION 2005

LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA, 27 MAY – 31 MAY 2005

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### SESSION VENUE

Grand Hotel Union  
Miklosiceva 1  
1000 LJUBLJANA  
Slovenia  
Tel: (+386-1) 308 1270

All the meetings will be held in the Grand Hotel Union. For participants staying at other hotels, access to the meetings will be via the Grand Foyer entrance of the hotel, located on the street *Nazorjeva* (**not via the hotel's main entrance**).

#### SECRETARIAT OF THE SLOVENIAN DELEGATION

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## CUSTOMS PROCEDURES

A valid passport is required to enter Slovenia, except for nationals of EU countries and Croatia who may enter Slovenia with a valid national ID card. Nationals of the following countries require a visa:

Albania *	Egypt *	Russian Federation	Turkey *
Armenia	Georgia	Serbia and Montenegro *	Ukraine
Azerbaijan	Moldova	the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia *	
Bosnia and Herzegovina*	Morocco*	Tunisia	

*\* Holders of diplomatic or official passports of the respective countries do not require a visa to enter Slovenia*

**To be certain of current visa and passport requirements, delegation secretaries/participants should contact their respective Slovenian embassy. Please note that it will not be possible to obtain a visa at the border when entering Slovenia.**

## ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES OF PARTICIPANTS

### Ljubljana airport

Ljubljana airport is situated 26 km north of the city centre. Participants will be met upon their arrival at the airport on **Thursday 26 May** and **Friday 27 May** and taken to the session hotels - Grand Hotel Union and hotels Slon/Best Western Premier, Lev, City and Domina Grand Media (provided their travel details have been communicated to the International Secretariat).

At the end of the session, transport to Ljubljana airport will be provided **in the afternoon of Tuesday 31 May** and **all day on Wednesday 1 June**.

### Other means of transport from the airport to Ljubljana city centre

#### *Airport shuttle*

An airport shuttle service to Ljubljana city centre is available. For information on this service and reservations please refer to [www.orbita.si](http://www.orbita.si).

#### *Taxi*

The journey by taxi from the airport should cost around 7.000 SIT (€ 30), and may take 30-40 minutes.

### Luggage

In order to identify luggage easily at the airport, participants are advised to display the NATO PA logo label on their luggage. The labels will be provided by the Conference Service **upon request**.

## PARKING

Delegations should request parking facilities at their hotel if necessary. For security reasons, the parking facilities at the Grand Hotel Union and immediate area around the hotel will be limited.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTITY BADGE

For security reasons, the Assembly identity badge features a photograph of the participant. If the International Secretariat is not already in possession of the participant's photograph, please forward one as soon as possible for the attention of Régine Malet (email: [rmalet@nato-pa.int](mailto:rmalet@nato-pa.int)). The photo should preferably be in digital jpeg format, taken at the camera's lowest resolution. Alternatively, standard colour passport photos may be sent by post.

If the NATO PA is not in possession of a photograph before the session, participants will be required to have their photo taken at the session site and this may require some waiting. The procedure will therefore be greatly facilitated if we receive photos in advance.

## RECEPTION DESK

The reception area will be located in the Grand Foyer on the ground floor of the Grand Hotel Union. The NATO PA reception desk will be open on **Friday 27 May from 14.00 to 19.00** and **Saturday 28 May from 7.30**. Access to the reception area will be given upon presentation of a NATO PA badge or photographic identification (a passport or identity card).

## SECURITY

For security reasons, all participants, including accompanying persons, observers and members of the press, will be required to wear their identity badges at all meetings and social functions, as well as for all transport organised for the session.

All participants must carry some official photo identification (i.e. passport or identity card) at all times, in case the security services perform an identification check.

## PLENARY SITTING

The Plenary Sitting of the 2005 Spring Session will take place on **Tuesday 31 May at 8.45** in the Grand Union Hall. Participants are requested to take their seats by **8.30** at the latest. All participants are requested to wear their identity badges.

The interactive presentation of "Black Dawn", a simulation of a nuclear terrorist attack, will take place during the plenary sitting, from **11.00 to around 16.00**.

## PROGRAMME FOR ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

### *Saturday 28 May*

A guided tour of Ljubljana's Old Town and a visit to the Slovenian Ethnographic Museum will be organised in the morning with departure from the Grand Hotel Union at **9.30**. The programme will conclude at 13.00. For those interested, shopping will be organised in the afternoon including visits to cut-glass and lace shop. Departure will be from the Grand Hotel Union at 15.00, with the return at approximately 17.30.

### *Sunday 29 May*

A full day excursion, including lunch, will be organised to Bled (castle, island and lake). Departure will be from the Grand Hotel Union at **9.30**, with the return at around 17.00.

Those wishing to participate in the programme are requested to **register** at the Information Desk located in the reception area, on Friday 27 May from 14.00 to 19.00 and on Saturday 28 May from 7.30 to 18.00.

## EXCURSION

An excursion will be organised for all participants in the session on **Monday 30 May**. The programme includes a full-day visit to Postojna caves and lunch. Departure for the excursion will be at **10.30** from the Grand Hotel Union and hotels Lev and Domina Grand Media. Return transport to Ljubljana will be provided from Postojna at 16.00 (arrival at around 17.00).

The inside cave temperature is around 9°C and participants are recommended to wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes (low heels).

## OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS

Participation in the official receptions is **by invitation only**. Guests are requested to wear their identity badges to all functions. Dress for social functions is informal (i.e. business suit and day dress).

## TRANSPORT

The hotels City and Slon/Best Western Premier are within 5 minutes walking distance of the Grand Hotel Union. Transport between these hotels and the Grand Hotel Union will **not** be provided for the meetings. **The Grand Hotel Union will be the point of departure and return for these hotels for all social events.**

The hotel Lev is approximately 10 minutes walk from the Grand Hotel Union and the hotel Domina Grand Media is located 3 km from the city centre. **Transport for these hotels will be provided for the meetings and all social events.**

Participants are required to wear their identity badge when using transport organised for the session.

Transport schedules will be available at the reception desk in the reception area at the Grand Hotel Union and at the welcome desks in the other hotels.

## OTHER SERVICES

Tourist information, travel, exchange and internet services will be available to participants at the Grand Hotel Union. Further information regarding these and other services will be included in the session handbook.

## WEATHER

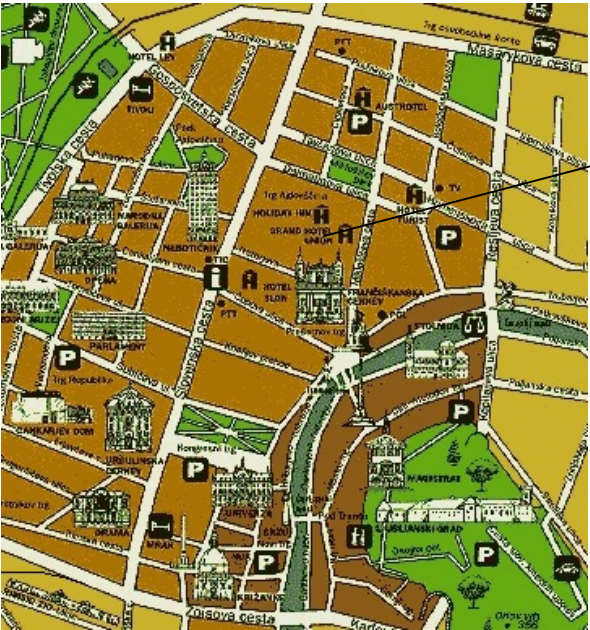
The end of May is usually warm and sunny with average temperatures varying between 15 and 20°C.

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