

Montreal - A Home for Biodiversity

CANADA'S BID FOR THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

In November 1995, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will decide where to establish the offices of the Permanent Secretariat.

Canada has offered to host the Secretariat in Montreal. The combination of:

- the support that governments are offering;
- the benefits that Montreal offers naturally; and
- the support the governments of Canada and Quebec have shown for protecting biodiversity at home and internationally

all show that Montreal will be an excellent location.

CANADA'S OFFER

The Secretariat can count on substantial support in Montreal.

It will get 1000 m² of space in a prestige building with free rent until at least 2001. It will be near the new International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) building with its conference centre and other services.

The Secretariat will receive free office furniture, telecommunications equipment and professional services such as management or administrative support.

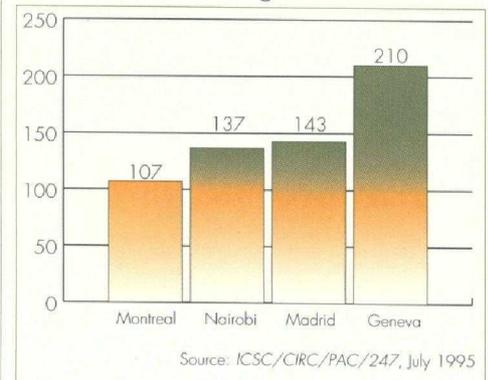
The governments of Canada and Quebec are also offering contributions to the Secretariat for operational costs. Canada will provide US\$4 million over five

years. Quebec will provide US\$1 million over the same period.

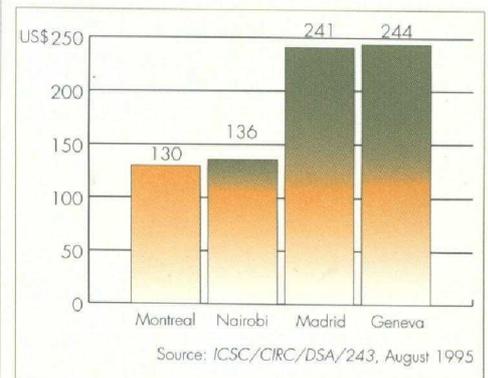
THE BEST CHOICE FOR COSTS AND BENEFITS

Montreal is among the most reasonably priced international cities. That has helped draw more than 25 international organizations to Montreal during the past five years.

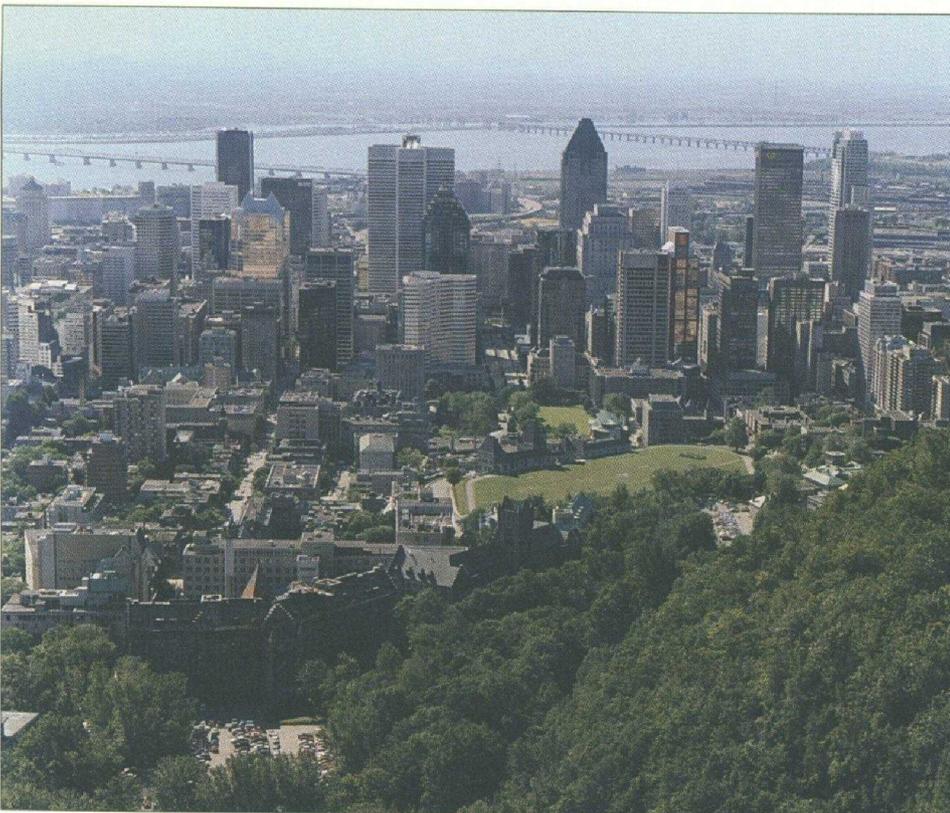
The UN cost of living index shows Montreal's advantage.



The UN Per Diem Allowance proves how friendly Montreal is to visitors' budgets.



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