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NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

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Media Arrangements for High-level Segment/Corrigendum

Monday, 20 November

Special arrangements will be made for the opening of the high-level segment of the Conference on Monday, 20 November. H.M. Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands is expected to attend the opening of the Ministerial part of the Conference at 11.00 a.m. The President of France, H.E. Jacques Chirac, and the Prime Minister of The Netherlands, H.E. Wim Kok, will speak

Television crews and still photographers will have two positions to cover the arrivals. Position I will be on the right hand side of the entrance to the Congress Center. Position II will be in Plenary I (Prins Willem Alexanderzaal), on the **right hand side** of the stage. (Please assemble outside the **right hand Plenary door at 10.45 a.m. at the latest.**) There will be no possibility to commute between these two positions during the opening.

In the Plenary Hall, there will be a brief photo opportunity after which television crews will be asked to leave the Hall. Television and radio broadcasters can receive live pool feeds in their work cubicles in the International Media Centre. In addition, there will be mult-boxes in the Media Centre under the large video screen for use by radio broadcasters.

Please note: **NO TV/ENG CREWS EXCEPT FOR THE HOST BROADCASTER WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PLENARY DURING THE OPENING OF THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT. PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL GET SPECIAL PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE TWO SPEECHES**

A limited number of seats are available in the Plenary Hall for print media and news agencies. Correspondents who cannot be accommodated in Plenary I will be able to follow the proceedings on closed-circuit television (CCTV) monitors in the International Media Centre.

In the afternoon, representatives of United Nations agencies and Intergovernmental Organizations (IGOs) are scheduled to speak.

Tuesday, 21 November

Participants of the high-level segment are expected to include one Prime Minister, five Vice

Presidents, two Deputy Prime Ministers, and 102 Ministers and other Heads of delegation. Two

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plenary meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, 21 November, one from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and one from 3.00 p.m. to completion. (For the list of speakers, see *Daily Programme* of 16 November).

(a) Print media and Radio

Access for media representatives to attend the high-level segment in Plenary I will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to the availability of space. Radio reporters are advised to obtain audio coverage (original and English) from their work cubicles or from mult-boxes under the large video screen in the International Media Centre.

(b) Television and Photo Coverage

Photo opportunities for television crews and photographers will be provided beginning 15 minutes before the scheduled start of these plenary meetings until the meetings begin. Shortly after the meetings are called to order, television crews and photographers will be requested to leave the hall. Photographers and television crews wishing to work during these photo opportunities are requested to assemble at the left hand side stage entrance of the Plenary Hall. (contact: *Ms. Carla Manten, office 5.4, ext: 4435*).

Due to practical considerations, it is not possible for television crews to record individual speakers in Plenary I. Television broadcasts are referred to the availability of television pool coverage. During all high-level meetings, pool television coverage will be available from Plenary I as well as from the press conference room. Arrangements for obtaining this coverage in addition to existing RTV cubicles can be made at the Eurovision Booking Office (contact: ext. 4609, 4611).

There are, however, limited possibilities for individual television crews to film in Plenary I during the high-level segment. Prior arrangements should be made on an *ad hoc* basis (contact: *Ms. Carla Manten, office 5.4, ext: 4435*).

In addition, there will be very limited possibilities for individual press photographers to take photographs of Ministers or other Heads of Delegation of their home country during their statements (contact: *Ms. Carla Manten, office 5.4, ext: 4435*).

Press Briefings

It is expected that a considerable number of Ministers and other Heads of Delegation may wish to give a press briefing during the high-level segment of the Conference. As some of these briefings may be scheduled on rather short notice, correspondents are advised to follow the announcements on the CCTV monitors and on the board at the Media Information Desk.

As of Tuesday, 21 November, the COP President is expected to give daily press briefings at 1.15 p.m. in the press conference room. Please check the monitors for any updates and changes.

International Broadcast Centre

On the basement level, one floor under the Press Working Area, an International Broadcast Centre is established to serve television and radio broadcasters. The facility provides live video and audio pool feeds, editing facilities, a radio and a TV studio, play-out facilities and satellite links. For

the use of these facilities as well as of stand-up positions. (Contact: *Eurovision Booking Office, ext. 4609, 4611*).