



NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS No.3

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Media Arrangements for High-level Segment

I. OPENING OF HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT

The High-level Segment will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 30 October with statements from Heads of United Nations agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. A Youth Charter will be presented to the President of COP8. A 10-minute film produced by the Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI) will be shown around 11:00 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m. the Prime Minister of India, H.E. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, will arrive at the Vigyan Bhawan Conference Centre. Seats should be taken in the Plenary Hall by 11:15 a.m. when the doors to the plenary will be closed and further access strictly limited.

Following the lighting of the Lamp, there will be a brief performance by children and a set of commemorative stamps will be released. The Conference will then hear statements from Ms. Joke Waller-Hunter, UNFCCC Executive Secretary; Mr. Nitin Desai, UN Under-Secretary-General and Representative of the UN Secretary-General; and H.E. Prime Minister Vajpayee.

a) Pool Arrangements at the VIP Entrance

Two TV cameras and two press photographers will be allowed to cover the arrival of the Prime Minister of India outside the VIP Entrance to the Vigyan Bhawan Conference Centre. Pool cards for this position will be available in the office of the Media Coordinator, Annex building, ground floor, as of Tuesday, 29 October, 12.00 noon.

PLEASE NOTE: The pool crews covering the arrival of the Prime Minister outside the VIP entrance will NOT be allowed to enter the building (and the Plenary Hall) before the opening ceremony has been concluded.

b) Media Attendance in Plenary Hall

Representatives of the written press and of news agencies will be accommodated on the balcony on a first-come-first-served basis, subject to available space. They are requested to take their seats at 11:15 a.m. at the latest.



TV crews and press photographers are requested to assemble at 11:10 a.m. at the right hand side entrance door to the Plenary Hall. They will be escorted to their positions by members of the COP8 media team.

TV crews will be located on their usual place in the middle aisle. They will be requested to remain on this position until the end of the opening ceremony.

Press Photographers will remain at the right-hand side wall close to the entrance door to cover the lamp lighting and the children's performance. Following the departure of the children, they will be requested to take their seated positions in front of the centre front row to cover the release of the stamps as well as the statements which are expected to be delivered from the podium.

PLEASE NOTE: TV crews and press photographers will have to remain at their assigned positions throughout the opening ceremony. They CANNOT move around during the ceremony.

c) Press Centre

Media representatives who cannot be accommodated in the Plenary Hall during the opening ceremony may follow the ceremony on the CCTV monitors throughout the building and, in particular, in the press working area of the Press Centre in the Annex building.

d) Video and Audio Feeds

Doordarshan TV and All India Radio will provide live video and audio feeds from the opening ceremony to TV and Radio clients in their assigned work cubicles on the 1st floor, Annex building. Sound feeds (English and original/floor language) are also available on the desks at the rear of the press working area.

II. ROUND-TABLES

Ministers and Heads of delegation will participate in three round-table meetings which will begin in the afternoon of Wednesday, 30 October and conclude in the afternoon of Thursday, 31 October. The general theme of the round-tables is the implementation of the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol. The first-round table on "Taking Stock" will be held from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on 30 October. The second round-table on "Climate Change and Sustainable Development" will be held on 31 October, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the third, "Wrap Up", from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism of South Africa, Mr. Mohammed Valli Moosa, and the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs of the United Kingdom, Ms. Margaret Becket, will assist the COP 8 President, Mr. T.R. Baalu, by co-chairing the first and second round-table sessions.

Representatives of the written press and news agencies can attend the round-tables in the assigned press area on the balcony. Doordarshan TV and All India Radio will provide live video and audio feeds. For unilateral TV and photo coverage see *Note to Correspondents No. 1* and contact the UNFCCC TV/Radio Officer, Mr. Alex Saier (mobile phone 98180 95284).