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NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS No. 1

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UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

Montreal, Canada, 28 November - 9 December 2005

Media Arrangements

General Rules for Media Coverage

Visual media are permitted to film, record interviews and take photos in all public areas of the conference site unless otherwise restricted for security reasons. Generally, all open meetings of the Conference are accessible to the print media, subject to the availability of sufficient space. For access by visual media, see below.

Please note: No access will be granted to any media representatives to closed meetings of the Conference or to office areas.

Opening

On Monday, 28 November, at 10:00 a.m., the **Eleventh Session of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the First Session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol** (COP 11 and COP/MOP 1) will begin with a ritual ceremony presented by First Nations representatives. Statements by the Mayor of Montreal, Gerald Tremblay, and the Premier of Quebec, Jean Charest, will be followed by a 20-minute cultural programme.

Outgoing COP 10 President Gines Gonzales Garcia (Argentina) will then formally open COP 11 and COP/MOP 1. Following the election of the President and his statement, the Conference will be addressed by Richard Kinley, Acting Head, UNFCCC. (For further details, see Daily Programme).

Photo opportunity: A pool of still photographers will be admitted to the Plenary to cover the opening meeting. For pool cards: Please contact the office of the Media Coordinator in the Media Centre, tel. (514) 787 6023.

No access for television crews. Access to the plenary hall during the opening meeting cannot be granted to television crews. The host broadcaster of COP 11 and



COP/MOP 1, Dome Productions, will provide live coverage of the cultural programme and statements made during the opening meeting. Television crews will receive feeds in their work cubicles in the International Broadcast Centre (IBC). Television crews who do not have their own IBC cubicle should contact the Booking Office of the host broadcaster for obtaining video and audio coverage from the opening meeting, tel. (514) 787 6150; cell. 514 603 0328.

A limited number of seats are available in the Plenary Hall for print media and news agencies. They can be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Correspondents who cannot be accommodated in Plenary 1 will be able to follow the proceedings on closed-circuit television (CCTV) monitors throughout the Conference site and in the press area.

Please note: Separate arrangements will be made for the opening of the high-level segment of the Conference on 7 December.

Media Centre

The Media Centre is located on level 2 and will be available from Sunday, 27 November, 3:00 p.m. until the end of the Conference (9 December). It will be open 24 hours a day, with limited services between 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

The Media Centre offers a total of 300 work spaces. All desks have electricity supply. 75 desks have computers providing direct access to the Internet and to printers, and 75 desks will be equipped with free Internet (PlugNplay) network services which are available in two categories, using either loose network cables or WiFi (wireless) network services. The best HOT SPOTS are indicated with PlugNplay banners all around the conference facility. Seats at the desks are available on a first-come, first-served basis. (For further details, see note on the PlugNplay desks.)

At the entrance to the Media Centre, a Media Information Counter will offer a selection of Conference documents as well as the Daily Programme, UNFCCC press releases and fact sheets, the texts of speeches as provided by delegations, as well as the daily Earth Negotiations Bulletin (which summarizes the daily proceedings). Official documents can also be accessed via the Internet at terminals in the Media Centre.

Photocopying, telephones and fax machines are available on a commercial basis in the Media Centre. Mobil phones can be rented at the business centre (level 2).

Proceedings in Plenaries 1 or 2 can be followed on CCTV screens in the Media Centre. Two CCTV screens will show the programme of the day and announce press conferences and other events.

Correspondents may also follow proceedings of COP 11 and COP/MOP 1 from the conference website: unfccc.int using the computers in the Media Centre. Headphones are available next to the Media Information Counter upon request.

International and national news agencies will also have their work cubicles in that area.



The offices of the Media Coordinator as well as the offices of the host Government Media Liaison Officer can be found at the rear of the Media Centre:

- Mr. Axel Wuestenhagen, Media Coordinator, cell. 514 238 0360
- Mr. John Hay, Conference Spokesman , cell. 514 209 9045
- Ms. Joyce Hannah, Television/Radio Liaison, cell. 514 209 9672
- Ms. Carrie Assheuer, Accreditation, cell. 514 209 8153
- Ms. Catherina Denoo, Media Information Desk, cell. 514 209 9563

- Mr. Phil Kinsman , Host Country Media Liaison Officer, tel. (514) 787 6024
- Ms. Jocelyne Limoges, Host Country Chief Coordinator, Media Relations, tel. (514) 787 6025

International Broadcast Centre

An International Broadcast Centre is established on level 2 to serve television and radio broadcasters. The facility will be operated by Dome Productions, the host broadcaster of the Conference, who will provide live video and audio pool feeds, editing and play-out facilities. Television and radio services can be booked at the Booking Office, tel. (514) 787 6150; cell: 514 603 0328.

Work cubicles for TV broadcasters and radio clients are equipped with basic furniture, a monitor as well as with audio and video feeds from Plenaries 1 or 2 and from the press conference room. Audio feeds from each venue will be in the original/floor language and in English or French. Additional equipment, e.g. telephone, ISDN and fax lines can be rented. (Please contact Mr. Kerry Kilbey, cell: 514 245 2319, e-mail: Kerry.Kilbey@ec.gc.ca.)

For satellite uplinks contact: Ms. Cathy Forrest, tel. (613) 747 5979; cell. 613 323 2204.

Television Coverage

Pool coverage of the proceedings in Plenaries 1 or 2, as well as from the press conference room is being provided by the host broadcaster. This coverage is available for local as well as overseas television and radio broadcasters free of charge.

Unilaterals: Due to practical considerations, it is not possible for individual television crews to record proceedings in Plenaries 1 or 2. There are, however, limited possibilities throughout the Conference and, in particular, during the high-level segment, for individual television crews to record plenary statements by the representative of their home country.

Please note: Prior arrangements for any unilateral coverage should be made with the UNFCCC TV/Radio Liaison Officer (Ms. Joyce Hannah, cell. 514 209 9672).

Television crews are invited to record their own coverage of press conferences in the press conference room on level 5. Audio in that room must be obtained from mult-boxes which are available to television and radio journalists on a first-come-first-served basis.



An interview corner with a conference logo backdrop and a feed link to the master control room is available in the main lounge, outside Plenary 1. Host broadcaster stand-up positions can be booked at the IBC, tel. (514) 787 6150; cell: 514 603 0328.

Radio Coverage

Audio feeds in English, French and in the original/floor language are available from mult-boxes in Plenary 1, in the Media Centre and in the press conference room. For other radio services, including the use of the radio studio, please contact the Booking Office, tel. (514) 787 6150; cell: 514 603 0328, in the International Broadcast Centre.

Photo Coverage

Photo opportunities will be provided for the visual media (still photographers and television) on the floor of Plenary 1 prior to plenary meetings of COP 11 and COP/MOP 1, except for the opening meetings on 28 November and 7 December.

Requests for non-flash photo access to the floor while the plenary meetings are in session, will be dealt with on an *ad hoc* basis by an on-scene information officer. (Please contact the UNFCCC TV/Radio Liaison Officer, Ms. Joyce Hannah, cell. 514 209 9672).

Press Conferences/Briefings

Regular press briefings by the United Nations, by national delegations and intergovernmental organizations will be held at the press conference room, located on level 5.

The first press conference by the newly elected President of COP11 and COP/MOP1 and the Acting Head of UNFCCC is scheduled for Monday, 28 November, at 1:15 p.m.

A larger number of briefings is expected when Ministers arrive for the high-level segment of the Conference. Briefings will normally be limited to 30 minutes maximum.

Please note: While regular press briefings will be announced in the Daily Programme, many other briefings will be announced on short notice on the CCTV programme monitors only.

Non-governmental organizations representing environmental and business interest groups will brief the press in the NGO press briefing room (room Bay du Nord, on level 2).

Interviews

The office of the Conference Spokesman will assist journalists, upon request, in contacting delegates for arranging interviews. Requests for interviews with the Acting Head of UNFCCC should also be addressed to the Conference Spokesman.



Live and On-Demand Streaming on Internet

Negotiations and many other events can be followed live and on-demand through the Internet. Official meetings, special workshops, the high-level segment as well as press conferences are available from the conference website: unfccc.int.

A comprehensive web index provides ready access to information on recorded events. Each recording is classified by date, agenda item and type of meeting. "Video anchors" will allow direct access to discussions of a particular agenda item or to the statements of key officials. Audio/video on-demand archives will be delivered where possible in the original language, in French and in English. A timetable, [meetings listing](#), is automatically generated and posted to the website throughout the day to provide information on additions or changes in the programme schedule.

Side events

170 side events and 80 exhibits will take place during COP 11 and COP/MOP 1. They will normally be held between 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. from Monday, 28 November through Friday, 9 December, except for Sunday, 4 December. (For details, see conference website: unfccc.int, the side event brochure or the Daily Programme of the Conference.)

PLEASE NOTE:

Special media arrangements for the high-level segment of the Conference will be announced in a separate Note to Correspondents.