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Media Arrangements for 17 – 18 December 2009

Access to Media Centre and Press Conference Room

With the arrival of some 120 Heads of State and Government, the necessary security measures will bring some restrictions on movement by accredited media representatives throughout the Bella Center. We regret obstacles encountered in the early morning, but efforts have been made to alleviate the situation and have brought significant improvements. Accredited media can access the Media Centre through the central hall as usual.

The south side of the centre hall became a party/media area while the north side (of the bridge) remains a strictly vVIP Party area. This allows access to the main press conference room (Auditorium 15) through the central hall and to stand up positions through the West Entrance lobby, as usual. It also provides an interview point for delegations so there is less need for media to go to delegate offices.

Delegations arranging press briefings in their office area are advised to meet journalists invited to these events in the Media Centre and escort them to the office area and back, after having cleared this with Security.

All facilities available in the Media Centre for print press, TV and radio networks as well as international news agencies will be accessible and working.

Stand-up positions on the bridge will be open on Thursday and Friday; additional stand-up positions have been made available in the walk-through area next to the Media Centre.

Access to Plenary Tycho Brahe

It is expected that a small pool of 5 still photographers, including representatives of major international news agencies, will have access to Plenary Tycho Brahe on Friday, 18 December. In addition, 3-4 official photographers from delegations speaking in the plenary can be added for an ad hoc assignment during the statement of their respective Heads of State/Government.



PLEASE NOTE: All other media representatives including TV crews, other still photographers, news agencies and the print and online media will have no access to the plenary. They are invited to follow the proceedings on CCTV monitors in the Media Centre, through webcast at www.unfccc.int., or in their respective work spaces in the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC).

National TV crews and photographers accompanying their respective Head of State/ Government will be given unilateral coverage possibilities to record their statements. Prior arrangements for escorted access to plenary Tycho Brahe must be made with the IBC Manager, Mr. Tim Davis, (tel: +45 507 73435).

Other TV organizations can receive full live coverage of the statements made in Plenary Tycho Brahe from the host broadcaster in their respective work spaces in the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC), or at the overflow facility in the portacabin outside the IBC. Recorded coverage can be received from the host broadcaster on tape, DVD or memory stick on a commercial basis (see host broadcaster's website at www.cop15hb.dk).

Arrival of Heads of State/Government

The arrival of Heads of State/Government at the Bella Center on Friday, 18 December will be covered by the host broadcaster, and the arrival feed will be made available through the International Broadcasting Centre free of charge. The Host Broadcaster will also provide a live coverage world feed for all arrivals at COP 15. (For details, see: www.cop15hb.dk). The Government of Denmark will also provide still photos from a number of VIP arrivals free of charge. (For details, see www.photos.cop15.dk).

In addition to the coverage by the host broadcaster, a restricted pool of TV cameras and still photographers (POOL 3) will be available from an area outside the VVIP entrance. The Pool may cover the arrival of Heads of State/ Government. Positions must be taken by 8:00 a.m. at the latest. It must be understood that TV camera crews and still photographers opting for this position will have to remain there until approximately 10:00 a.m. or until the last Head of State/Government has arrived.

Press Conferences by Heads of State/Government

Heads of State/Government will continue to give press conferences on 17 and 18 December. The press conferences can take place in Press Conference Room 1 (Auditorium 15), in the Asger Jorn Room (Hall H) or in other designated meetings rooms in Hall H.

Please check the programme monitors for changes of time and venue.

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