



NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS 2

6 December 2010

Sixteenth Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Sixth Session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol

Cancún, Mexico, 29 November-10 December 2010

High-Level Segment of COP16/CMP6

a) Opening of the High-level Segment

The high-level segment of COP16/CMP6 will be opened on Tuesday, 7 December, at 3:00 p.m. in plenary CEIBA (Maya). Following a cultural event, speakers at the opening ceremony are expected to include COP 16/CMP 6 President Patricia Espinosa; United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon; the President of Mexico, Felipe Calderón, and UNFCCC Executive Secretary Christiana Figueres.

b) TV Cameras and Still Photographers

A restricted pool of 20 TV cameras and 10 still photographers (POOL 2) will have access to the plenary prior to the opening of the high-level segment.

Requests for inclusion into POOL 2 should be submitted to the IBC Manager, Tim Davis (tel: +52 1 99 8241 3798), no later than 7 December, 10.00 a.m. Pool cards can be collected from the IBC Manager on the same day as of 12.00 noon.

Members of the pool will be asked to assemble no later than 2:00 p.m. at a location to be specified. They can take establishing shots of the plenary and will have a 2-minute close-up photo opportunity of the podium. TV crews will then be asked to leave the room, while still photographers may remain for taking pictures of the speakers under the guidance of an UNFCCC Secretariat Information Officer.



TV organizations without a pool card can receive full live coverage of the opening of the high-level segment from the host broadcaster in their respective work spaces in the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC). Recorded coverage can be received from the host broadcaster on tape, DVD or memory stick on a commercial basis.

Another photo opportunity for TV cameras and still photographers will be outside the Maya entrance to cover the arrival of Heads of State/ Government and other VVIPs. Positions must be taken by 2:00 p.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 3:00 p.m. or until the last Head of State/Government has arrived. This will preclude their participation in POOL 2 covering the opening of the high-level segment.

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c) Print Media

In view of the high number of participants, access to plenary CEIBA for print press media will not be permitted throughout the high-level segment. Correspondents are invited to follow the proceedings on CCTV monitors in the Media Centre or through <unfccc.int> webcast.

d) Continuation of high-level segment

The high-level segment of the conference will continue on 8 and 9 December in plenary CEIBA with statements by Heads of State and Heads of Government and other heads of delegation. (For the list of speakers, see: Daily Programme, of 7 December.) The texts of statements made will be published on the website <unfccc.int> after their delivery, as they become available from delegations.

PLEASE NOTE: Generally, television crews and still photographers will not be permitted to cover statements made during the high-level segment in plenary CEIBA. However, there will be several unilateral coverage possibilities for national TV crews and photographers, including those accompanying their respective Head of State/Government, wishing to cover the statements. Prior arrangements for escorted access to plenary CEIBA must be made with Mr. Tim Davis, IBC Manager (+52 1 99 8241 3798).

Other TV organizations can receive full live coverage of the statements made at the high-level segment from the host broadcaster in their respective work spaces in the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC). Recorded coverage can be received from the host broadcaster on tape, DVD or memory stick on a commercial basis.

e) Press Conferences by Heads of State/Government

It is expected that a number of Heads of State/Government may wish to give press conferences during the high-level segment. Press conferences will be scheduled in Press Conference Room SOL and LUNA, on the ground-floor in Azteca.



PLEASE NOTE: The delegation of the Head of State/Government giving the press conference may decide to invite only national media of their country to attend their briefing. Please check the programme monitors for relevant announcements.

Media Coordination

Any enquiries on logistical arrangements in the Media Centre can be addressed to the UNFCCC Media Coordinator, Mr. Kevin Grose (phone: +52 1 998 283 2144) in the Media Coordination offices.

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