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NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

28 November 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

Media Access to Opening of Conference

In view of the high number of participants, access to the opening of COP16/CMP6 in Plenary CEIBA on Monday, 29 November, at 10:00 a.m. will be restricted for all participants by means of **special access tickets**.

TV Cameras and Press Photographers

A restricted pool of 20 TV cameras and 10 press photographers will have access to the plenary. Pool cards will be distributed on Sunday, 28 November by the Media Coordination Team at 6PM at the IBC Manager Office. The selection will be based on a fair distribution among TV organizations and press photographers from all parts of the world and from the host country Mexico. It is made on the understanding that the coverage obtained be shared with other broadcasters as requested and appropriate.

Members of the pool will be asked to assemble not later than 9:30 a.m. at a location to be specified. They will have the possibility for taking establishing shots of the plenary prior to the opening of the conference, as well as a 2-minute close-up photo opportunity of the podium. Afterwards, TV crews will be asked to leave the room, while press photographers may remain for taking pictures of the speakers under the guidance of an UNFCCC Information Officer.

TV organizations without an access ticket can receive full live coverage of the opening session of COP16/CMP6 from the host broadcaster in their respective work spaces in the International Broadcasting Centre (IBC), as well as in OB vans, edit vans and SNG vehicles parked in the SNG compound. Recorded coverage can be received from the host broadcaster on a commercial basis (see host broadcaster's website <cop16hb.com.mx>

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Print Media

There will be 20 access tickets for print press media who want to follow the opening in the plenary hall. Tickets will be distributed on Sunday, 29 November by the Media Coordination Team at 6.30PM at the IBC Manager Office on a first-come-first-served basis.

Representatives of the print press media, radio broadcasters and news agencies can follow the opening on CCTV monitors in the Media Centre or in their respective work space in the IBC.

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.