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NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

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Barcelona Climate Change Talks

Ad hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (resumed seventh session) and the Ad hoc Working Group on further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (resumed ninth session)

Barcelona, Spain 2 – 6 November 2009

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 space. For access by visual media, please see below and contact Mr. Alexander Saier (Media Coordination Office).

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

On Monday, 2 November 2009, at 10:00 a.m., the meeting will be formally opened in the Plenary hall (Encina). The Conference will hear statements from José Montilla i. Aguilera, President of the Generalitat de Catalunya; Maria Teresa Fernández de la Vega, Vice-President of Spain; Connie Hedegaard, Minister of Climate and Energy of Denmark; Jordi Hereu i. Boher, Mayor of Barcelona; Núria Marin i. Martinez, Mayor of Hospitalet; and Yvo de Boer, UNFCCC Executive Secretary.

Photo opportunity: Prior to the opening of the meeting, television crews and still photographers will have an opportunity for establishing shots in the Plenary (9.30 –10.00 a.m.)

Once the conference is declared open, television crews will be required to use a camera position in the back of the Hall. Still photographers may continue, on a one-by-one basis, under the guidance of the Media Coordinator.

Some seats for the press are available in the back of the Plenary (Encina). They can be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Correspondents will be able to follow the proceedings also on closed-circuit television (CCTV) monitors throughout the Conference site and in the press area.

Press Area

The press area on the first floor will be available from Sunday, 1 November, 12:00 noon until the end of the conference (6 November).

The press area offers a total of 120 work spaces. Seats at the desks are available on a first-come, first-served basis. All desks have electricity supply. 14 desks have computers providing access to the Internet and to printers, and 60 desks will be equipped with Ethernet cable. Wireless Internet access is provided in the press area.

A Media Information Desk will offer a selection of conference documents as well as the Daily Programme, UNFCCC press releases and publications, 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 press area.

Proceedings in the Plenary (Encina) and press conferences on the ground-floor can be followed on monitors in the press area. The programme of the day including press conferences and other events is regularly updated on the programme announcement monitors.

Correspondents may also follow proceedings of the meeting from the conference website: [<unfccc.int>](http://unfccc.int) using the computers in the press area.

Television and Radio Coverage

During open plenary meetings, television crews can record their own coverage from assigned camera positions in the back of the Hall. They are also invited to record their own coverage of press conferences in the press conference room on the ground floor.

Audio feeds in English and in the original/floor language will be available from XLR distribution units in both locations to television and radio journalists on a first-come-first-served basis.

Radio journalists will also find XLR distribution units in the press area.

Please note: Prior arrangements for stand-up positions should be made with Mr. Alexander Saier (Media Coordination Office).

Online Coverage

The secretariat is offering a special online reporting service to the media. Online videos will be made available on the website [<unfccc.int>](http://unfccc.int) summarizing the secretariat's press briefings. This video can be viewed and downloaded for Podcast or editing purposes. Videos can also be downloaded from the secretariat's YouTube channel: [<youtube.com/climateconference>](http://youtube.com/climateconference) and iTunes.

Community tools, such as Facebook, Twitter and Flickr will allow to participate and to respond to the conference in Barcelona. All links can be found on [<unfccc.int>](http://unfccc.int).

The secretariat is encouraging online media to link to the online video on [<unfccc.int>](http://unfccc.int).

Please note: The video footage can be downloaded and broadcasted free of charge. For further questions please contact Mr. Alexander Saier (Media Coordination Office).

Live and On-Demand Streaming on Internet

Plenary meetings and press conferences can be followed live and on-demand through the conference network. Official meetings, special workshops, as well as press conferences will as well be available on demand from the public website: [<unfccc.int>](http://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. Audio/video on-demand archives will be delivered where possible in the original language 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.

Photo Coverage

Photo opportunities will be provided for still photographers and television on the floor of the Plenary (Encina) at the opening on 2 November as well as prior to other plenary meetings.

Press Conferences/Briefings

Regular press briefings by the United Nations, by national delegations, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations representing environmental and business interest groups will be held at the press conference room, located on the ground floor.

A press conference by Mr. Yvo de Boer, UNFCCC Executive Secretary is scheduled for Monday, 2 November, at 1:15 p.m.

All briefings will normally be limited to 30 minutes. The [press conference schedule](#) for the Barcelona conference is available on <unfccc.int>

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

Interviews

The Press Office will assist journalists, upon request, in contacting delegates for arranging interviews. Requests for interviews with the UNFCCC Executive Secretary should also be addressed to the Media Assistant, Ms. Carrie Assheuer (Media Coordination Office).

Media Coordination

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