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Subject :

**ATTENTION EDITORS // NOT FOR PUBLICATION
14th OSCE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING (Brussels, 4-5/12/2006).
MEDIA PROGRAMME / PHOTO and FILM OPPORTUNITIES / POOLS**

The 14th Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council will be held at the Brussels Exhibition Centre (Heysel/Heizel) at Place de Belgique / Belgiëplein 1, 1020 Brussels.

Since space inside the Brussels Exhibition Centre is limited and restricted, access to most events will be arranged on a pool basis. In order to respect the timing of the Ministerial Council and to offer the better work conditions possible to the press, media have the possibility to apply for one or more pools in advance. This will confine access to media in possession of both a pool card for that specific event and their OSCE Ministerial Council media accreditation badge. Each pool card is valid for one person only and for one event.

Media are requested to apply for the pools in advance by sending the attached application form to presse@diplobel.fed.be by Wednesday 29 november-12.00 at the latest.

Allocated pool cards can be collected with the accreditation badge at the Media Information Desk, located in the Press Centre (Brussels Exhibition centre, hall 11)

Sunday 3 December 2006, from 12.00 - 23.00 *continuously*

Monday 4 December 2006, from 06.30 - 23.00 *continuously*

Tuesday 5 December 2006, from 06.30 - 17.00 *continuously*

MEDIA PROGRAMME

Sunday, 3 December 2006

18.00 – 18.50 Meeting of OSCE Troika Ministers with Asian Partners for Co-operation, Egmont Palace (Place du Petit Sablon 8/Kleine Zavel 8), 1000 Brussels

POOL 1: Photo +TV+ Host-broadcaster and Host-photographer
Appointment 17.45, at the gate of the Egmont Palace

19.00 – 19.50 Meeting of OSCE Troika Ministers with Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, Egmont Palace (Place du Petit Sablon 8/Kleine Zavel 8), 1000 Brussels

POOL 2: Photo +TV + Host-broadcaster and Host-photographer
Appointment 18.45, at the gate of the Egmont Palace

Monday, 4 December 2006

08.30 Arrival of Heads of Delegation by car. VIP- entrance to Hall 10, [outside](#)

POOL 3: Photo + Host-broadcaster

Welcome by / Handshake with the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Belgian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Karel De Gucht- entrance to Hall 10- [inside](#)

POOL 4: Photo + TV + Host-broadcaster and Host-photographer

Participants in Pools 3 and 4 should assemble at POOL MEETING POINT, Press Centre by 8.00

! Remark : Pool 3, Pool 4 , Pool 5 cannot be covered by the same person (incompatibility)

09.30 Formal opening of the 14th Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council by the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium, Mr Guy Verhofstadt
Hall 10

POOL 5: Tour de table before the meeting: Photo +TV +Host-broadcaster and Host-photographer.

Participants in Pool 5 should assemble at POOL MEETING POINT by 9.00

- Address by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Mr Karel De Gucht;
- Address by the President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mr Göran Lennmarker
- Report by the OSCE Secretary General, Mr Marc Perrin de Brichambaut

First Plenary Session, Hall 10

Covered by Host-broadcaster and Host-photographer ONLY.

12.45 Family Photo, Audi 2000, Hall 10

POOL 6: Photo +TV +Host-broadcaster and Host-photographer.

Participants in Pool 6 should assemble at POOL MEETING POINT by 12.15

12.00-15.00 Luncheon for Media, Hall 11- Restaurant upstairs

- 15.00 Second Plenary Session, Hall 10
Covered by Host-broadcaster and Host-photographer ONLY
- 18.00 End of first day's plenary sessions
- 20.30 Official dinner for Ministers of Foreign Affairs/Heads of Delegations,
Egmont Palace (Place du Petit Sablon 8/Kleine Zavel 8), 1000 Brussels

Covered by Host-photographer and Host-broadcaster ONLY
- 20.00 Official reception for Media Representatives hosted by Mr Freddy Thielemans,
Mayor of Brussels
Town Hall, Grand Place Market Square, Brussels

Tuesday, 5 December 2006

- 09.30 Third Plenary Session, Hall 10
- POOL 7:** Tour de table before the meeting: Photo+TV +Host-broadcaster and
Host-photographer
- Participants in Pool 7, **please assemble at POOL MEETING POINT by 9.00!**
- Adoption of Ministerial Council documents
- Approximately 12.00 Formal closing of the 14th Meeting of the OSCE Ministerial Council
Covered by Host-photographer and Host-broadcaster ONLY
- 13.30 Press conference with the OSCE Troika Ministers
- Auditorium 500, Hall 7
- Open to ALL media representatives

GENERAL REMARKS

1.All pools begin 30 minutes ahead of the event and end in the Press Centre (Hall 11) of the Brussels Exhibition Centre (Heysel/Heizel) at Place de Belgique / Belgiëplein 1, 1020 Brussels, **unless otherwise stated.**

2. Access to the photo and film pools will be organised in a group, accompanied by pool assistants. Pool participants -wearing their badge and pool card in a visible way- should therefore assemble punctually at the designated Pool Meeting point. During the OSCE Ministerial Council starting times will also be announced on the Closed Circuit TV screens. Information about late changes to the pools will also be carried on the CCTV system.

Individual access to the various pool events will not be possible. Latecomers cannot be admitted.

3. All main events will be covered by the Host-photographer and Host-Broadcaster

3.1. The HOST-PHOTOGRAPHER desk will be located in the Press Centre. Media representatives will be able to download the photos in print quality free of charge from the official 14th OSCE MC website
http://www.osce.org/conferences/mc_2006.html

3.2. RTBF (Radio-télévision belge de la Communauté française de Belgique/Radio-television of the Belgian French-speaking community) will act as HOST-BROADCASTER. It will cover the main aspects of the media programme and will provide a sound and picture feed for other TV channels.

Advance details on the range of services provided by the host broadcaster can be obtained from Mr Sixte Grignard, RTBF International Relations (e-mail : Eurovision@rtbf.be; fax : +32 2 737 4210; tel. +32 2 737 2528; Mobile : +32 2 476 40 39 37)

A technical note detailing the media facilities, workspace, parking and technical requirements for radio and televisions offered by the host-broadcaster during the 14th OSCE Ministerial Council is available on the site http://www.osce.org/conferences/mc_2006.html?page=20168
(see Media resources for TV/Radio)

Contact person for pools application :
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Thank you for your collaboration.

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