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Note to Correspondents

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Iraq Talks

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Media arrangements

The talks between the Iraqi Government and the UN will be held in Vienna on 4 and 5 July 2002. The meeting will not be open to the media.

Media representatives will have work space assigned to them in CO3 with Internet access, fax, photocopier and TV facilities.

A brief photo opportunity for TV/photographers only will be organized prior to the start of the talks.

Details of press briefings will be announced later.

Media accreditation

Bona fide media representatives – press, photo, radio, television and film – will be accredited to cover the Iraq talks, to be held in Vienna on 4-5 July 2002.

Media credentials issued at UN Headquarters in New York or Geneva will not allow access to the UN Office at Vienna.

Journalists already accredited to the United Nations in Vienna do not need extra accreditation for the Iraq talks.

To obtain accreditation journalists can pre-register by sending the application form, accompanied by a copy of their press card and a letter of assignment, issued on official letterhead and signed by the Editor or Bureau Chief. It should be mailed or faxed before 1 July 2002 to:

Media Accreditation Assistant,
United Nations Information Service, Vienna
G05 78
P.O. Box 500
A-1400 Vienna, Austria
Fax: (+ 43-1) 21346 3342
Email: veronika.mayerhofer@unvienna.org

Applications will not be acknowledged. Passes will be issued upon arrival at the Security Pass Office at Checkpoint One at the Vienna International Centre upon presentation of two forms of photo ID (passport, official national press pass, drivers licence, work ID etc).

Journalists who do not pre-register can also apply directly for their credentials at the press registration counter at Checkpoint One, Vienna International Centre from 8am on 4 July. They will need to bring along a letter of assignment and a valid press card along with two forms of photo ID.

Note: Journalists accredited to cover the Iraq talks must make their own flight and hotel bookings.