

URGENT MEDIA STATEMENT: ACCESS OF THE MEDIA TO THE MEETING OF THE NEGOTIATING COUNCIL ON MONDAY 26 APRIL 1993

The following is brought to the attention of all media representatives:

1. In accordance with a previous decision of the Negotiating Council, the meetings of the Negotiating Council will be open to the media, subject to the fact that under certain circumstances the Council can meet in committee.
2. This ruling will already apply to the meeting of the Negotiating Council of Monday 26 April 1993.
It must be pointed out that this meeting is not one of the Negotiating Forum, as had taken place on 1st April 1993, but the smaller body of 26 parties, each having 2 delegates and 2 advisers.
3. For the meetings of Monday 26 April and Friday 30 April the following arrangements have been made:
 - 3.1 An elevated "media gallery" has been constructed in the meeting room, with seating for between 60-65 media representatives. This will be occupied on a "first come-first served basis".
 - 3.2 Any additional media representatives will be able to view proceedings on 5 colour monitors in an adjacent room. Representatives of media institutions (as opposed to media liasson officers of embassies and consulates) will be given preference to use the gallery.
 - 3.3 Also available in the adjacent room will be limited audio and video feed with a multi distribution point.
4. This is a temporary arrangement, and the Planning Committee will, after having received a report of the Communications Committee, take a decision on how to deal with this issue further. It is hoped that this arrangement will not inconvenience the members of the media.
5. The agenda for the meeting of the Negotiating Council will be made available on registration, but the availability of additional documents will only be decided by the Negotiating Council (early on the agenda). It could be pointed out that the agenda for this first meeting after the Easter recess and the Hani funeral, is of a fairly technical nature.
6. As usual, cash meals and drinks will be available, as well as free coffee and tea outside the meeting room.