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GATT MINISTERIAL MEETING - PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY

PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

1. The Ministerial-level Session of GATT's 92 Contracting Parties will open in the afternoon of Monday, 15 September in the Hotel San Rafael, Punta del Este, Uruguay. The meeting will consider and make decisions on the question of a new round of multilateral trade negotiations. It is expected to last about five days.

This note sets out information on the arrangements for correspondents covering the meeting. It supplements the provisional note issued on 26 June 1986.

2. Travel arrangements

Journalists are responsible for their travel arrangements to Montevideo. From there, coaches will be available for the journey of around 150 kms to Punta del Este. The coach fare will be US\$6.00. At Montevideo Airport, a specially reserved customs and immigration counter will assist journalists and delegates through the entry procedures.

3. Accommodation

Certain hotels, offering 24-hour telephone and telex facilities, have been reserved for the use of the press in Punta del Este. These are listed below. Journalists not yet having secured a hotel booking are advised to contact the Uruguayan authorities directly - contacts are given at the end of this note.

<u>Hotel</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>Telex</u>	<u>Rooms</u>	<u>Price US\$</u>
Atlantico	Calle 10 esq.7	4.02.29	*	25	36
London Palace	Calle 20 No. 879	4.19.11	UY 1646	72	30 + tax
Bonne Etoile	Calle 20 No. 742	4.03.01	*	52	40 + tax
Arena's	Parada 3	8.45.56	*	40	24

* Telex equipment being installed

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4. Accreditation

The accreditation of both journalists and delegates will take place at the Centro del Espectaculo in Punta del Este. Journalists should present a national or recognized international press card or credential issued by the newspaper, news agency or broadcasting organization represented. Since strict security measures will be in force throughout the meeting, the red press badges which will be issued on accreditation must be worn at all times while in the press centre or in the Hotel San Rafael where the Ministerial meeting will take place.

5. The Press Centre

The Hotel San Marcos, some 100 metres from the Hotel San Rafael, will be used as the press centre for the meeting. The press centre, which will be operational from Tuesday, 9 September, has a self-contained telecommunications centre including international direct-dial telephones and telex facilities. (Payment for telephone and telex services will be US\$ or by relevant credit cards.)

Fifty typewriters will be available for use in the telecommunications centre. A limited number of individual offices are still available for those news organizations who may need them. Any request for an office, and the installation of telephones and other equipment, should be directed immediately to the contacts given below, preferably by telex or telephone.

6. Telephone and telex numbers

The telephone number of the press centre is 00598 42 8.33.61. The telex number for the Hotel San Marcos is 22126 SAN MARCOS UY, and those for the press centre itself are 6920 UY and 6940 UY.

7. Television and radio facilities

The press centre will contain a television room where interviews can be conducted. There will also be a sound-proof area for radio use. Technical facilities for overseas television transmissions are being arranged by the Uruguayan television authorities. (Contact Mr. Oscar Inchavsti, telex UY SAETA TV 829, telephone Montevideo 4.6674 or 40.2120)

Apart from the facilities mentioned above, the press centre will contain a lounge, restaurant/bar and coffee shop. There will be photocopying facilities and a documentation area.

8. Press briefing facilities

Two briefing rooms - one large and one small - are situated in the press centre. Ministers and officials of national delegations are expected to brief the press when appropriate. The GATT Secretariat will conduct short, regular briefings.

9. Access to the meeting rooms

In general, all meetings connected with the Ministerial Session are closed to the public and press. However, the opening ceremony at 15.00 hrs. on Monday, 15 September will be open to photographers, TV and film cameramen. (See tentative programme below)

The press will have access to the ground floor of the Hotel San Rafael in the vicinity of the meeting rooms. They should, nevertheless, refrain from using cameras and tape-recorders in the bars, lounges and restaurants of the Hotel San Rafael.

10. Ministerial statements

Much of the first two or three days of the plenary Session will be taken up with individual national statements by Ministers and observers. Generally, these statements will be made available in the press centre immediately after their delivery. Translations, where these prove necessary, should be available within 24 hours.

11. Press centre personnel

Press officers from the GATT Secretariat and from the Uruguayan authorities will be available in the press centre before and throughout the Ministerial Session. Contacts can best be established through the press information desk which will be situated in the lobby of the Hotel San Marcos.

12. Tentative order of business in plenary meeting

<u>Monday, 15th</u>	3.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.	Address by President Sanguinetti of Uruguay
		Remarks by H.E. Mr. T. Kuranari, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan
		Opening address by H.E. Mr. E. Iglesias, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay, Chairman-designate
		Adoption of Agenda
		Agreement on Order of Business
<u>Tuesday, 16th - Thursday, 18th</u>		Ministerial statements and statements by observer governments and international organizations
Conference hours during this period:		10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

13. Contacts in Uruguay

Written communications should be directed to:

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