



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION Brussels, 11 February 2005

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

EU-US LEADERS' MEETING BRUSSELS, 22 FEBRUARY 2005

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DISTRIBUTION OF ACCREDITATION BADGES

Accreditation badges may be collected by the person concerned:

- Monday 21 February 2005 (09.00-21.00)
- Tuesday 22 February 2005 (09.00-20.00)

at the Residence Palace, International Press Centre, rue de la Loi, 155, 1040 Brussels

When you collect your identification badge, you must present both:

- your identity document, and
- your press card or, for those who do not have a press card, an ORIGINAL letter (faxes will not be accepted) from the media organisation, signed by the editor-in-chief, specifying your professional status.

Unless you have both of these documents, the accreditation badge cannot be issued.

• <u>Collection of groups of badges (press agencies, television stations, etc.)</u>

When collecting groups of badges for a media organisation **(from Monday 21 February)**, you <u>must</u> present an **ORIGINAL** letter (faxes will not be accepted) indicating that the bearer is authorised by his/her media organisation to collect those badges (see Annex). Deadline for applications by fax to collect a group of badges: **20.00 on Tuesday 15 February 2005**.

UNLOADING OF TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT

Access to the Council building to unload and remove technical equipment is by the Etterbeek entrance, 70 chaussée d'Etterbeek, with either a daily badge which will be issued on arrival or a special accreditation badge foreseen for this event. **Unloading** and **installation** of technical equipment must take place **between 07.00 and 18.00 on Monday 21 February.**

Please note that the Press Centre and the radio/TV cabins on <u>level 35 will close at 20.00 on</u> <u>Monday 21 February</u> for security reasons. <u>The Press Centre must close at 22.00 on Monday 21</u> <u>February 2005</u> for the same reason.

After the equipment has been unloaded, a member of the Security Office will accompany you to the Press Centre. A few trolleys will be available. Delivery vehicles must leave the area of the Justus Lipsius building immediately after unloading.

The equipment must be removed between 08.00 and 18.00 on Wednesday 23 February.

Please contact **Ms Martinez-Almeida** (GSM: 0475-753.408) (**by 16.00 on 15 February**) to let her know the time you intend to arrive on Monday 21 **and** on Wednesday 23 February:

- the name of the organisation responsible for the material / the name of media teams using that material;
- the names of those coming
- the registration number of the vehicle unloading/picking up the equipment.

e-mail: presse.dechargement@consilium.eu.int

PHOTO GROUPS / TELEVISION

The TV signal will be available via EBU. TV broadcasters wishing to make use of this service should contact EBU, Ms Pita CRO \ddot{Y} , +41 (0)79 250 4745, email: bookings@eurovision.net .

Regarding arrivals at the VIP entrance, the photo/TV coverage **outdoors** will be free, based on the "first come, first served" principle, whereas **indoor** coverage of the "welcome" will be organised in a group. The press attachés of the Member States and candidate countries will be responsible for attributing the group cards. The cards will be issued by the Council Press Office at a date to be specified later.

A selection of photographs taken by Council and Commission photographers will be published quickly on the Council website (<u>http://ue.eu.int/photographic_library</u>) and the Commission website (<u>http://europa.eu.int/comm/mediatheque/index_en.html</u>). The photographs, in high definition, will be available free of charge.

STANDARD LETTER

REQUEST FOR COLLECTION OF A GROUP OF BADGES

Application deadline: 20.00 on Tuesday 15 February 2005

- Name of media organisation:
- Address:
- Postcode:
- Town/city:
- Country:
- Tel.:
- Fax:
- e-mail:

Place, day, month, year

To the Security Office at the General Secretariat of the Council

Fax: 02 285 7876

Subject: EU-US Leaders' meeting - Brussels, Tuesday 22 February 2005

- Request for collection of a group of badges

Please find below the names of the applicants for accreditation for whom Mr/Ms (name and position) is authorised to collect badges as from Monday 21 February 2005:

...... (surname, forename and job: journalist/cameraman/other – please specify)

Signature

Editor-in-chief