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(ITALY), MOTONO (JAPAN), WALLIS (US), DURIEUX (COMMISSION).

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MY DEAR COLLEAGUE,

WE HAVE BEEN GIVING THOUGHT TO THE GROUND RULES  
WHICH WE MIGHT ADOPT FOR CONTACT WITH THE PRESS DURING THE SUMMIT.  
IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD HAVE A FIRST DISCUSSION ABOUT  
THIS MATTER AT OUR FEBRUARY MEETING. BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE OF  
PREVIOUS SUMMITS, WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING GROUND RULES FOR  
LONDON:

(I) BEFORE THE SUMMIT BEGINS EACH DELEGATION WILL DESIGNATE  
SPOKESMEN AS ON THE RECORD BRIEFERS DURING THE SUMMIT. THERE WILL  
BE NO LIMIT ON BACKGROUND BRIEFERS.

(II) BEFORE THE CONCLUSION OF EACH HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT  
OR MINISTERIAL SESSION, PARTICIPANTS WILL AGREE ON HOW THEY WILL  
REPRESENT THEIR DISCUSSION TO THE PRESS.

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(III) THE FIRST MINISTERIAL BRIEFING AFTER EACH SESSION SHOULD BE BY THE HOST COUNTRY, IF THEY SO CHOOSE, ON THE BASIS OF AGREED COMMON GUIDANCE.

(IV) SUBJECT TO THE ABOVE, PARTICIPATING MINISTERS MAY GIVE OFFICIAL BRIEFINGS OR MEDIA INTERVIEWS, DURING THE CONFERENCE.

(V) HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT WILL NOT GIVE ANY MEDIA INTERVIEWS (PRESS, RADIO OR TELEVISION) FROM THE TIME OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN LONDON FOR THE START OF THE SUMMIT UNTIL AFTER THE CONCLUDING PRESS CONFERENCE, AT WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL READ A JOINT STATEMENT. THEREAFTER HEADS OF STATE/GOVERNMENT WILL BE FREE TO GIVE THEIR OWN INTERVIEWS AND BRIEFINGS. EXCEPTIONS WOULD, OF COURSE, BE MADE FOR EMERGENCIES: E.G. A NATIONAL CRISIS AT HOME.

2. THE PRESS CENTRE WILL BE SET UP AT THE CONNAUGHT ROOMS IN CENTRAL LONDON, 15 MINUTES DRIVE FROM LANCASTER HOUSE, IT SHOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ALL NATIONAL BRIEFINGS IN SEPARATE SUITES OF ROOMS, IF NECESSARY SIMULTANEOUSLY, ALONG WITH CENTRAL SERVICES FOR VISITING JOURNALISTS.

WITH BEST WISHES  
ROBERT ARMSTRONG

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