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Venice Economic Summit

At the meeting of Personal Representatives last weekend we discussed briefly the rules for press briefings at the Venice Economic Summit next June.

2. The rules were provisionally agreed, subject to any correction of the dates: the draft was prepared when the Summit was expected to assemble on 8 June.

3. I should of course be very grateful for any comments that you may have on these draft rules. I think that in fact they are almost exactly the same as the rules which you introduced for the London Summit in 1983.

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RULES FOR PRESS BRIEFING

For the press briefings the following rules have been agreed :

1. Before the Summit begins each Delegation will designate up to three spokesmen as on the record briefers during the Summit.
2. There will be no briefing on an individual session while it is in progress.
3. There will be no provision, in any form, of information to the press on the contents of each session by any concerned official including national spokesmen, while the session is in progress.
4. 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.
5. The first Ministerial briefing after each session should be by the host Country, on the basis of agreed common guidance.
6. Subject to the above, participating Ministers may give briefings or media interviews at the end of each session,

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except at the end of the lunch following the first morning session on June 9, when, after the President of the Council of the Italian Government has spoken to the press, only national spokesmen, not Ministers, may do briefing.

7. Heads of State/Government will not give any media interviews (press, radio or television) from 6.00pm on June 8, until after the concluding press conference, at which the President of the Council of the Italian Government will read a joint statement. Thereafter Heads of State/Government will be free to give their own interviews and briefing. Exception would, of course, be made for emergencies: eg.: a national crisis at home, but not for briefing after any bilateral meetings during the Summit, which should be done by spokesmen.