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BACKGROUND NOTE FOR THE PRESS  
MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

ANKARA, 25th and 26th June 1980

DATE AND PLACE

The spring Ministerial Meeting of the North Atlantic Council will be held in Ankara, Turkey. A press centre will be located in the Directorate General of the State Highways building, near the conference area, which will be open from June 23rd through June 28th 1980 inclusive.

ACCREDITATIONS

Throughout the meeting, correspondents will be admitted to the press centre only on presentation of numbered individual special press passes, to be issued by the Turkish authorities.

Organisations wishing to be represented should apply for accreditation of their representatives to the General Directorate of Press and Information (Basin Yayin Genel Müdürlüğü), Ankara, as soon as possible. Applications can be made directly to either of the following :

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| - Basin Yayin Genel Müdürlüğü<br>Ataturk Bulvari, n° 203<br>Ankara, Turkey                                      | Telephone :<br>26 14 33<br>27 02 49 | Telex :<br>42384<br>Yayn Tr<br>(a-b-c-d) |
| - Ambassade de Turquie<br>Bureau du Conseiller de Presse<br>Boulevard Charlemagne 1<br>1040 - Brussels, Belgium | Telephone : 230.38.16<br>230.34.95  |  |

Mr. N. Antas de Campos, Head of Press Service, NATO-OTAN 1110, Brussels, Belgium, will also transmit any application for accreditation received to one of the above mentioned offices.

Applications for each accreditation required should be made on one of the enclosed forms. Additional forms may be obtained from the above offices. Completed forms should be returned, together with 4 photographs, by 9th June at the latest.

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Ministerial Council meeting press passes will not be mailed to applicants but may be collected at the accreditation desk which will be set up at Basın Yayın Genel Müdürlüğü, Atatürk Bulvarı, 203, Ankara, between 10.00 hours and 18.00 hours as from 16th June.

Note : Basın Yayın Genel Müdürlüğü reserves the right to withhold accreditation in cases where no advance application has been submitted.

No accreditation will be accepted at the conference areas.

#### OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony of the Ministerial session of the NATO Ministerial Council will take place in the auditorium of the Directorate General of State Highways in Ankara, at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 25th June. Admission will be on a pool basis, for only 100 journalists.

#### PRESS CONFERENCES AND RECEPTION

- a) H.E. Mr. Joseph Luns, Secretary General of the Organisation and Chairman of the North Atlantic Council, will hold a press conference on 24th June at the auditorium, Directorate General of State Highways, followed by a reception. All accredited representatives of press, radio and television are cordially invited.
- b) At the end of the Ministerial meeting, a closing press conference will be given by the Secretary General which may be followed by a press conference given by the Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- c) Other press conferences could also be given at the auditorium. National briefings may take place in the briefing rooms at the press centre.

#### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

The Turkish authorities have made block reservations for journalists at the Stad Hotel, Ankara. Members of the press who will apply for accreditation should also get in touch with the Chief of Reception of the Stad Hotel, Mr. Halit Sungur (phone n° 124220, telex 42 248 hos-tr) in order to make their final reservations. Since there is a limited number of rooms available, reservations will be made on a "first come, first served" basis. In view of these constraints, representatives of the press are urged to seek any possible room sharing arrangements prior to applying for reservation. It should be understood that final allocation of rooms will be made only to those members of the press who have also applied for accreditation.

NOTES

- a) A regular bus shuttle service between the press centre and the Stad Hotel will be provided throughout the meetings for accredited representatives of the press.
- b) Catering facilities, bar, exchange service, post office, duty free shop and a travel desk will be located in the press centre.
- c) No personnel will be provided to operate the key punching telex machines. Journalists will need to make their own arrangements.
- d) A bank of telephones reserved for long-distance calls and serviced by operators, will be available for journalists. All calls must be paid for on the spot, either in cash or with a valid phone credit card. **Collect calls will be accepted.**
- e) Eighteen English keyboard typewriters and thirteen French ones will be available for journalists at the press centre.
- f) There will be assistance available at the Esenboga airport for the passport, luggage and customs formalities of the members of the press. ATA triptick carnets will need to be submitted at the customs for all professional equipment.