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NOTE TO CORRESPONDENTS

TELEVISION, RADIO, FILM AND PHOTO COVERAGE OF PAPAL VISIT

The visit to the United Nations of His Holiness Pope John Paul II will be given worldwide coverage by the media from the time of his arrival on Tuesday, 2 October at La Guardia Airport until his departure from New York on Wednesday, 3 October at 2:30 p.m. The following are the arrangements for television, radio, film and still photography. (Press arrangements have previously been issued as Press Release Note 4181.)

Television

United Nations Television will provide television pool coverage of the Pope's visit to United Nations Headquarters, using 24 camera positions. The pool coverage will be providing live coverage to the National Broadcasting Company (NBC), Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), American Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and National Educational Television (NET) networks of the United States, to many independent stations throughout the United States, to the European Broadcasting Union, covering Western Europe, to a number of countries in Latin America, and, by delayed coverage, to Asia. Television coverage will also be provided to the major world news distribution organizations and will be carried over wide-screen, closed circuit television inside the United Nations buildings to the press areas, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Trusteeship Council and Conference Room 4.

Worldwide television coverage will utilize satellites hovering at 22,300 miles in synchronous orbit over the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.

Originating from United Nations Headquarters commentators will be broadcasting to Austria, Federal Republic of Germany, France, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Monte Carlo, the Netherlands, Spain, the United Kingdom (both British Broadcasting Company (BBC) and Independent Television Network (ITN), to Canada (English and French networks), Mexican and Caribbean networks, Brazil and other Latin American countries. Due to the time difference a number of countries in Asia will receive the Pope's address by delayed satellite transmissions. Radio and television broadcasts will originate from 45 commentator positions.

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Radio

Radio coverage is being provided by the United Nations Radio Service and facilities for 150 radio correspondents from many countries will be provided to permit them to transmit to their respective radio organizations anywhere in the world. United Nations broadcasts will be beamed by shortwave to the Middle East and Africa and Latin America, in English, French and Spanish.

Films

In addition to extensive United Nations film coverage, pool arrangements have been made for electronic and 16 mm motion picture coverage. Approximately 20 motion picture camera positions have been established throughout United Nations Headquarters to follow the visit of Pope John Paul II. Fifty motion picture photographers have been accredited for this event.

Stills

Over 250 photographers will be covering the visit of the Pope at United Nations Headquarters. The most modern high-speed laser picture transmitters are located at Headquarters for instantaneous picture distribution to all corners of the world. Over 20 camera points strategically located along the route will assure full photo coverage of the entire visit.

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