

MEMORANDUM

TO: E. Banks, FSI/WAPN
FROM: R. Ryser, NCAI
SUBJECT: Indigenous Political and Legal Roundtable: Press Relations. Guidelines.
DATE: 6 July 1982

The Indigenous Political and Legal Roundtable is designed to maximize the free flow of discussion with minimal constraints. Participants will be encouraged to speak openly and frankly about matters of some political sensitivity. To ensure this open and frank atmosphere every effort must necessarily be made to reduce or eliminate extraneous activities which may inhibit frank discussion. It is for this reason that guidelines for the press, electronic media and photographers will be necessary. The guidelines will be enforced by security personnel and by the designated press secretary. These guidelines are drawn to reduce inhibiting activities on the part of the press while maximizing their access to the proceedings and various individuals in whom they may have interest.

Press Guidelines and procedures:

1. All press, electronic media and photographers shall have limited access to the Roundtable Chamber. They may have access to the proceedings during Session I and Session III but, not during Session II and Session IV. The writing press must be stationed in a small gallery located near the exit -- seated opposite from the Chairman of the proceedings. Electronic media and photographers may be stationed immediately next to the writing press. All press officials must check with a security person before entering the Chamber.
2. All press seeking access to the Roundtable Chamber must sign up for one or both of the designated Sessions at the press room or the "literature table" (which ever is actually available. Such registration is necessary because of the limited seating. (Space should be made available for up to ten writing press, two electronic media and probably not more than five photographers.
3. All members of the press must be given a "Press Briefing packet" at the literature table or (if there is one near-by) at the Press Room.
4. Requests from the press for interviews, news conferences or briefings must be cleared through the Press Secretary.
5. The press shall be provided with all "public documents" from the proceedings through the Press Secretary.
6. All news conferences or press briefings shall be scheduled to take place in the Press Room or in the Mezzanine

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Pre-scheduled News Conferences/Briefings:

The Chairman and Cochairman of the proceedings shall conduct a Thirty minute News Conference at 10:30 am on 19 July at the Sheraton Hotel in the Press Room or near the Roundtable exits. Each of the principles will open the news conference with brief introductory remarks of about five minutes each. Random questioning from the press will be permitted after the opening remarks. The news conference will be adjourned at precisely 30 minutes following the beginning of opening remarks.
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The Press Secretary shall conduct a News Briefing for the press at 8:00 am for thirty-five minutes in the Press Room on 20 July. The briefing will discuss the origins of the Draft International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Further briefing will be supplied regarding the global indigenous review and comment process which will eventually lead to United Nations consideration of the Covenant.
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A News Conference time slot is scheduled for 12:15 pm for thirty minutes in the Press Room on 20 July. Speakers from Session I will receive questions. Individual interviews may be scheduled immediately following the News Conference.
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A News Conference time slot is scheduled for 8:00am for twenty minutes. Notification to the press will be given after the 12:15pm news conference on 20 July. This morning news conference on 21 July will be open for principles.
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A News Conference time slot is tentatively scheduled for 12:15pm for thirty minutes in the Press Room on 21 July. It is open for principles.
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A News Conference time slot is scheduled for 8:00am for thirty minutes in the Press Room on 22 July. The Chairman and cochairman will release a final Roundtable comunique. Questions from the press are encouraged.
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Assistant Press Secretary: Elenor Manzies

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