

PRIME MINISTER

OZONE LAYER CONFERENCE: 5-7 MARCH

Charles is letting you have a draft of your keynote speech very shortly. There are one or two points on the outline programme for your time at the Conference on which I would welcome your views.

On Sunday 5 March you should be at the QEII Hall at 0945. Nicholas Ridley will greet you. You in turn are meeting President Moi when he arrives and then for the opening ceremony (very short) welcoming speeches from Mr. Ridley, you and then a substantive speech from President Moi. This will be followed by coffee which will give you a chance to mix with the other delegates.

After coffee there is a session on the scientific background. I assume you will want to see some of this and would also want to go round the small exhibition on environment-friendly products and technology which will be in the hall next to the Conference room. It would be better from the point of view of both security and press (and not least your own enjoyment of it) to look round the exhibition while the sessions are still going on, so that the other delegates are not all jostling round too. The running order of the Science Session is a ten minute video, followed by fifteen minute presentations by five scientists:

Dr. Verhille, from France (who I do not know);

Dr. Rowland, University of California, who is one of the leading authorities in ozone science and should be worth listening to;

Mr. Joe Farman of the British Antarctic Survey (the discoverer of the Antarctic 'hole');

Mr. Bob Watson of NASA on the current state of ozone layer science (who is expected to report more fully on the recent Stavanger expedition to assess ozone depletion over the Arctic);

Finally, Dr. Ilyas of Malaysia about the effects of the ozone layer on human life (whom I do not know).

The whole session would finish shortly after 12 noon. How many of these would you wish to stay for?

I think you and President Moi should aim to leave at the latest after Dr. Watson's presentation so that you can briefly look round the exhibition in peace before seeing President Moi off.

Agree?

There is a reception for delegates in the evening from 1830-2000 in the Durbar Court, which Mr. Ridley is planning to host. Content simply to look in?

Or do you wish to co-host?

Yes

You are not involved in any of the Conference activities on Monday 6 March. On Tuesday 7 March you give the keynote speech in the closing session (which lasts from 1000-1045). There is then a press conference at 1115. The top table will consist of you, Bernard, Mr. Ridley, Lord Caithness and Dr. Tolba (Director of the UN Environment Programme).

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Is anyone entertaining
President Moi for lunch?
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