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Subject: Raising of the Swiss flag

1. As Switzerland becomes a Member of the United Nations, a ceremonial raising of the Swiss flag will take place on Thursday, 12 September 2002, at 11 a.m. The ceremony will take place at the roundabout on the Allée des Nations.
2. The flag will be raised in the presence of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, the Federal Councillor, the Swiss authorities and members of the diplomatic community in Switzerland.
3. To ensure that the ceremony proceeds smoothly, the following arrangements will apply:
 - Forty parking places in car park P2 will be reserved for invited guests. The spaces will be marked off by security personnel.
 - The arch and the roundabout will be closed to all traffic between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m.
 - The gate behind SAFI will remain open to permit vehicular traffic in both directions and into the inner courtyard of the Secretariat building between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m. Traffic through the gate and on the Allée de Musée will be interrupted briefly at about 11 a.m.
4. United Nations Office at Geneva security personnel will be responsible for controlling traffic during the ceremony.
5. I count on the understanding and cooperation of all concerned to ensure that this historic occasion passes off as smoothly as possible. Subject to the exigencies of service, I encourage chiefs of service to release staff members from their duties so that they can attend the ceremony.

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Director-General
