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**MEDIA DAY, HEADQUARTERS NATO RAPID DEPLOYABLE CORPS – ITALY,
SOLBIATE OLONA.**

HQ NATO Rapid Deployable Corps-Italy has organized a media opportunity for the 11th May 2005 at “Ugo Mara” Barracks to mark Exercise “Eagle Action ‘05”.

The exercise signifies the final in-country preparation of NRDC-IT for the assumption of its role as Headquarters ISAF in Afghanistan. The HQ will deploy to Kabul at the beginning of August.

The press conference will take place during the Media Day, a day of the Exercise dedicated to hosting representatives of national and international media.

Present during the press conference will be the Commander of the NATO Corps, LTG Mauro DEL VECCHIO; the Deputy Chief of the Italian Defence Staff, LTG Fabrizio CASTAGNETTI and the Vice Chief of the UK Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Anthony BAGNALL KCB OBE FRAeS RAF.

The press conference will also provide the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the ISAF operation and to hear Gen. Del Vecchio’s reflections on his recent reconnaissance to Afghanistan, during which he met with the principal local and international actors within that country.

The programme for the day will be as follows:

- 10.00 hrs reception inside “Ugo Mara” Barracks
- 10.20 hrs introductory briefing
- 10.40 hrs visit the exercise area
- 11.30 hrs press conference
- 12.00 hrs visit ends

Please allow ample time for entry into the Barracks in order to adhere to the programme.

Information about NRDC-IT can be found on <http://www.nato.int/nrdc-it/>.

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