Information related to the Outbreak of Novel Coronavirus 2019

As reported in the media, an outbreak of novel coronavirus 2019 has occurred, originating in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China. The Government of China is taking steps to control the outbreak and the situation is also being monitored by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Regarding the second meeting of the Working Group on the post 2020 global biodiversity framework, scheduled for 24-29 February, in Kunming, Yunnan Province, the Secretariat is reviewing the situation in consultation with the Government of China, WHO and other UN agencies, as well as the Co-Chairs and COP Presidency.

The Secretariat will provide further information as soon as possible.

Further information on novel coronavirus 2019, including travel advice and information on how people can protect themselves, is available at the following WHO webpage: https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019.

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