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). Further information, 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

Currently (24 January, 2020), WHO does not recommend any specific health measures for travellers and there is no specific WHO or UN advisory about holding meetings in China.

The second meeting of the Working Group on the post 2020 global biodiversity framework, 24-29 February, 2020 is anticipated to proceed as planned in Kunming, Yunnan Province, as are the related consultations and meetings in the same venue.

The Chinese authorities have introduced travel restrictions in Wuhan City and other locations in Hubei Province and travel through these areas should be avoided.

The Secretariat is keeping the situation under review in consultation with WHO and other UN agencies as well as China and will update this information as needed.