NOTIFICATION
Information regarding visa process for the
Sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the
Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 6) and
Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity
(COP 11) – Hyderabad, India

Dear Madam/Sir,

This is to inform you about the special arrangements made with the Government of India to facilitate and speed up the visa process for the Sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP 6) and the Eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP 11).

To initiate the visa process, participants must first be pre-registered to the meetings. To pre-register, Parties, other governments and organizations must provide to the Secretariat an official letter of nomination clearly indicating the names and contact information of each representative. After validation, delegates will receive an automated email message that will include: (i) a "Priority Pass" (to speed up the on-site registration process), (ii) a Visa Assistance letter and (iii) a Clearance letter. The visa assistance letter and clearance letter must be submitted along with the visa application, as required by Indian Embassies and High Commissions. For further information on visa requirements, please refer to the Information Note for Participants.

Participants are also kindly reminded to arrange for their hotel accommodation in Hyderabad. For more information on this, please refer to the hotel booking section on the Accommodation page of the host country website: www.cbdcop11india.in/accomodation.html.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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To the CBD and CPB National Focal Points and relevant organizations