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Excellency,

Further to my letter of 17th July, 2020 and the ISU letter, on my behalf, of 23rd July, 2020, I wish to inform that that, since no objections to the Chairperson's proposal have been received, the revised schedule of meetings is therefore officially adopted.

This means that the Meetings of Experts originally scheduled from 25th August to 3th September, 2020 will instead take place in Geneva as follows:

- MX1 - Cooperation and Assistance, with a Particular Focus on Strengthening Cooperation and Assistance under Article X (1 to 2 December 2020)
- MX2 - Review of Developments in the Field of Science and Technology Related to the Convention (3 to 4 December 2020)
- MX3 - Strengthening National Implementation (7 December 2020)
- MX4 - Assistance, Response and Preparedness (8 to 9 December 2020)
- MX5 - Institutional Strengthening of the Convention (10 December 2020)

The Meeting of States Parties which was originally scheduled for 8th to 11th December 2020, will accordingly take place for four (4) days from 12th to 15th April, 2021, and the first session of the Preparatory Committee will take place for one (1) day on 16th April, 2021.

The second session of the Preparatory Committee is tentatively scheduled from 16 to 20 August 2021, and the Ninth Review Conference is scheduled in November 2021. The Meeting of States Parties in April 2021 will decide on the exact dates of the second session of the Preparatory Committee and the Ninth Review Conference.

Arrangements for the sponsorship programme for the Meetings of Experts will be announced in due course.

States Parties are also reminded that Chairpersons have not yet been nominated for MX3 and MX4 by the Eastern European Group and for MX5 by the Group of Non-Aligned and Other States Parties to the BWC. I kindly reiterate my earlier request for nominations preferably by 31 July 2020.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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Chairperson of the 2020 BWC Meeting of States Parties