Ref: APT/2020/WTSA20-2

7 April 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Virtual Meeting for the 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-20

Please refer to the APT’s letter Ref. APT/2020/WTSA20-2/PM dated 28 February 2020 informing the postponement of the 2nd Meeting of the APT Preparatory Group for WTSA-20 (APT WTSA20-2) to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, to the new schedule from 13 to 15 May 2020.

I would like to inform you that recently, the Royal Thai Government has sought the cooperation of all diplomatic missions, consular representatives and international organisations in Thailand to refrain from organising and attending large-scale activities including mass gatherings or large community events to mitigate the risk of transmitting COVID-19 until further notice.

In addition, the Royal Thai Government has declared an Emergency Decree on Public Administration in Emergency Situation to take effect from 26 March 2020 until 30 April 2020. Under this state of emergency, Thailand has banned all incoming flights from landing in the country until 18 April 2020 with possibility of extension.

Considering the current circumstances, APT Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman of the APT WTSA20 and other office bearers, has decided to organize a virtual meeting for the APT WTSA20-2 on the same dates as scheduled (13-15 May 2020). The Provisional Agenda, Tentative Programme of the Virtual Meeting of APT WTSA20-2 and Introduction to APT Zoom Meeting are attached herewith for your kind information.

Registration can be done online at https://www.apt.int/content/online-registration, preferably by 29 April 2020 for making necessary arrangements. Once registration is accepted, APT Secretariat will inform the Zoom meeting link, password and other relevant information directly to registered participant two weeks prior to meeting. Only the registered participants are entitled to join the meeting. If you need further information or assistance regarding the meeting, please contact APT Secretariat by e-mail to aptwtsa@apt.int. APT Secretariat will do the best to provide the necessary environment for the remote participation.

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Thank you in advance for your kind understanding and I look forward to your participation.

Yours sincerely,

(Original Signed)

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Secretary General

Encls.: 1) Provisional Agenda
        2) Tentative Programme
        3) Introduction to APT Zoom meeting

To:    APT Members, Associate Members, Affiliate Members, others and registered delegates for the meeting