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B-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi- 110001. Dated, the 18th November 2013

To,

Heads of all Organizations, Ministry of Water Resources.

Sub: Instructions relating to grant of Conference Visa to foreign participants attending international conferences/ seminars/ workshops.

Sir.

The undersigned is directed to enclosed herewith a copy of O.M.No. 25022/97/2013-F.I dated 24th October, 2013 received from Ministry of Home Affairs on the subject mentioned above for information and necessary action.

Encl: As above

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Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India Tel: 23074005

1. All Commissioners, Ministry of Water Resources.

2. All Section in the Ministry of Water Resources.

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No.25022/97/2013-F.I Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division)

New Delhi, the 24th October, 2013

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Instructions relating to grant of Conference Visa to foreign participants attending international conferences/ seminars/ workshops

The undersigned is directed to say that detailed instructions relating to grant of Conference Visa to foreign participants attending international conferences/ seminars/ workshops have been incorporated in Chapter 10 of the revised Visa Manual (updated up to 31st July, 2011), which was circulated by this Ministry to all Ministries/ Departments, etc. in August, 2011. Salient features of these instructions are also placed in the website of the Ministry of Home Affairs www.mha.nic.in under Citizens Services – Foreigners Division – Frequently Asked Questions – FAQs relating to Conference Visa.

2. It has been noticed that various Ministries/ Departments etc. are referring all cases of international conferences/ seminars/ workshops to the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division) for granting security clearance for holding the event. In this context, it is brought to the notice of all Ministries/ Departments, etc. that as per extant instructions, security clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs for organizing an international conference/ seminar/ workshop by a Ministry / Department of the Government of India, State Governments/ UT Administrations, Public Sector Undertakings, Central Educational Institutions, Public Funded Universities (list of such institutions is available on the website www.education.nic.in and the websites of the University Grants Commission and the Association of Indian Universities), Reserve Bank of India & public sector banks, an organization owned & controlled by the Government of India or any State Government / UT and United Nations or its Specialized

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5. These instructions may also please be brought to the notice of all attached/ subordinate offices, Public Sector Undertakings etc. for strict compliance.

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- 1. Secretaries of all Central Ministries/ Departments
- 2. Chief Secretaries/ Administrators of all State Governments/ UT Administrations
- 3. Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India
- 4. Joint Secretary (Coordn), M/ External Affairs
- 5. Joint Director, Bureau of Immigration

Copy also forwarded to:

Joint Secretary (PV) [Ms. Neena Malhotra], M/ External Affairs - with the request that the Indian Missions/ Posts may be advised to process the Conference Visa cases strictly as per the provisions contained in para 10.2 of the Visa Manual. They may please be informed that security clearance for holding an event from the Ministry of Home Affairs is required to be produced by the organizers only in respect of cases covered by para 10.3 of the Visa Manual.

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Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India