OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Seeking clearance for hosting International Annual Conference on Tuberculosis and Lung Health in Hyderabad from 30 October-2 November 2019.

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to convey that the Union World Conference on Lung Health is the world’s largest annual gathering of clinicians and public health workers, health programme managers, policy makers, researchers, scientists, global advocates and affected communities working to end the suffering caused by lung disease, with a focus specifically on the challenges faced by low-and-lower-middle income populations. It is organized by the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases (The Union), which collaborates with RNTCP and supports the program on many fronts. Each year, delegates from more than 125 countries gather for this four day scientific conference, which presents research from every region of the world.

2. This year, this esteemed conference will take place in Hyderabad, India at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre, from 30 October-2 November 2019. The programme will include a pre-conference, TBScience, which will be held on 29 and 30 October at Cyber Convention. Various other side events are also organized in the sidelines of the world conference by our partners and collaborators such as the World Health Organization, the Global TB Caucus and the Stop TB Partnership. Further details on the conference can be found at https://hyderabad.worldlunghealth.org.

3. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare support the organization of this event in Hyderabad, India as this conference will serve as a great forum to bring together leading specialists, clinicians, researchers, civil society, public health experts and managers from across the world in India, and may contribute tremendously in India’s endeavours to increase awareness regarding the disease in the Indian masses, and also to bring to the global stage India’s many efforts to END TB by 2025 as per vision given by Hon’ble Prime Minister of India in the India TB Summit dated 13th March, 2018. The Union has annexed a draft of the invitation letter that The Union will provide to each delegate to facilitate their visa processing (enclosed with this letter).

4. In view of above, Ministry of Home Affairs is requested to convey necessary security clearance for hosting the above event, urgently.

Encl:- As above.

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