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### ATTENTION!

RELATING TO THE HIGH RISK OF HEALTH THREATS AFFECTED BY COVID-19 UNIDO
RECOMMENDS EMPLOYEES TO REFRAIN FROM BUSINESS TRIPS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

CHINA; ITALY (PIEDMONT, EMILIA-ROMAGNA, LOMBARDY AND VENETO); JAPAN; THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA; ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN; SAR HONG KONG, SINGAPORE.

ALL STAFF RETURNING FROM TRAVELS, DUTIES OR PRIVATE PERSONS WITH SYMPTOMS OR WITHOUT THEM, SHOULD REMAIN AND WORK FROM YOUR HOME WITHIN 14 DAYS.

#### MOSCOW, FEBRUARY 13 STI BRICS COUNCIL

The tenth meeting of the STI BRICS Council was held in Moscow under the chairmanship of Grigory Vladimirovich Trubnikov, First Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation. Sergey Korotkov also took part in the meeting.

The main topic of the meeting was the chairmanship of the Russian Federation in the BRICS interstate association in 2020. At the meeting, the calendar of NTI events for the current year and key initiatives of the Russian chairmanship in the field of science, technology and innovation were presented. The heads of the BRICS Working Groups spoke at the meeting.

In particular, the BRICS Working Group on Science and Technology in the Oceanic and Polar Research Areas presented the results of work in 2019. One of the important achievements of the group was a joint grant with Brazil and China "River plumes as major mediators of plastic litter in coastal seas", within the framework of which a research expedition together with the University of Rio Grande (Brazil) on the Caspian Sea was held - July 22-31, 2019.

Another expedition is planned for the summer - autumn 2020. The purpose of the voyage is a deeper study of environmental trends in the eastern Arctic and its role in the Arctic system, the study of the interaction of various terrestrial spheres, the study of changes in the Arctic marine environment and climate and their impact on the Polar Silk Road.

#### MOSCOW, FEBRUARY 17

# GLOBAL ENERGY ASSOCIATION AND UN: FIRST CONTACT

On February 17, a meeting was held between the Global Energy Association and representatives of UN organizations in Russia. Global Energy is a prestigious international prize awarded for outstanding research and development in the field of energy, which helps all mankind solve the most acute and difficult energy problems.

Sergey Brilev, President of Global Energy, Deputy General Director of Rossiya TV Channel for Special Information Projects, Head and Leader of the Saturday News Program, said in his speech that the Association is interested in participating in the UN Climate Change Conference in 2020, representatives of the International Committee, as well as winners of the Global Energy Prize. Sergey Brilev also noted that Global Energy is interested in media partnership with UN information resources.

Vladimir Kuznetsov, director of the UN Information Center in Moscow, spoke about the main goals, principles and structure of the work of the United Nations, focusing on 17 Sustainable Development Goals. "The peculiarity of the sustainable development agenda until 2030 is that it represents a new philosophy that is addressed to both developed and developing countries," said Vladimir Kuznetsov.

Ivan Seregin, national consultant to the UNIDO Center in the Russian Federation, emphasized that UNIDO provides technical and advisory assistance to countries in implementing Goal 9 on sustainable industrial development. This work, in particular, is to increase the energy efficiency of production, including the introduction of an energy management system. The expert also added that UNIDO is interested in promoting its initiatives at Global Energy sites and in international forums such as GMIS 2020 (April 20-24) and the Vienna Energy Forum (June 21-23).

Vladimir Moshkalo, head of the UNEP office in Russia, spoke about the UN Environment Program and challenges ahead of World Environment Day, which will be held June 5 in Bogota (Colombia).

