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Dr Anne Larigauderie **Executive Secretary** Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1, D-53113 Bonn, Germany LEU Building, 10th Floor, Room 1003

Dear Dr Larigauderie

SUBJECT: Hosting of IPBES 11 Plenary and Visa Arrangements for Delegates

With reference to the above-mentioned subject matter.

I am pleased to inform you that the Republic of Namibia is at an advanced stage at making arrangements for the eleventh session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES 11). We are looking forward to welcoming delegates from across the world to this important event.

In preparation for the conference, I would like to draw your attention to the visa requirements for attendees. The delegates with passports from countries that are not exempted from visa requirements (Annex 1) are encouraged to apply for Tourism Visas by submitting their visa applications online through the Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (MHAISS) which can be accessed at: https://eservices.mhaiss.gov.na/

Delegates from countries where Namibia have Diplomatic Missions should apply for the tourism visas at these Missions. Representatives of The Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism in collaboration with MHAISS will be at the Hosea Kutako International airport at the start of the event to facilitate entry for delegates. UN staff holding Laissez-Passers are exempted from visa requirements (Annex 2).

We trust that these arrangements will proceed smoothly, and we remain at your disposal for any further assistance

Please accept, Executive Secretary, the assurances of my highest consideration. ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND

Yours Sincerely 8105

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Annexes

 Foreign Nationals Exempted from visas requirements when travelling to Namibia for holders of all passports.

2. Foreign National Exempted from visa requirements for holders of diplomatic and official/service passports only.

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