

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China

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The Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China presents its compliments to the Diplomatic Missions and the Offices of International Organizations in China, and has the honor to inform the latter of the following:

This is in reference to the Note (2020) Li Zi No. 24 dated 27 March sent by the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.

1. At present, with to the emergence of the global pandemic of COVID-19 and infections in various social classes and sectors, confirmed COVID-19 cases have emerged among the staff of a foreign diplomatic mission in Beijing and the consular officers of a foreign consular mission in Shanghai. To minimize the risk and particularly avoid the risk of being infected in travel, the Chinese side strongly advise the missions to suspend their personnel's return to Beijing or rotation from 1 April to 15 May 2020.

2. If any member of the missions is really in need of returning to Beijing, in order to practically guarantee the safety and health of all the permanent members to Beijing including the members of the missions, the Chinese side would like, once again, to remind the members of the missions of strictly complying and coordinating with the pertinent anti-epidemic measures circulated through the Note (2020) Li Zi No.24. Meanwhile, according to the latest development of the anti-epidemic situation in China, a supplementary notice is hereby circulated as follows:

(1) All personnel are subject to the local quarantine inspections conducted by the Chinese side while entering China through the ports inclusive of but not limited into the 12 designed first points of entry and shall receive treatment or concentrative medical observation locally if being confirmed as any of the following four categories: "the confirmed case, suspected case, the one having fever and the close contact".

(2) The personnel not included in the above four categories shall go to the concentrative medical observation points designated by the Chinese side after returning to Beijing to receive nucleic acid testing and a 14-day concentrative medical observation. The Chinese side will reduce and exempt the accommodation expenses during the concentrative medical observation while other expenses shall be shouldered by the pertinent member of the mission.

With regard to the members of the missions who will enter China between 1 April and 15 May, the Chinese side would understand that they and their

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missions have agreed to comply with the above regulations. In the case of the following : there are exceptional circumstances, the residence in Beijing meets the conditions for home observation and a written commitment is furnished indicating not sharing the residence with the roommate in Beijing and complying with pertinent Chinese anti-epidemic regulations, with prior application by the his/her mission and a confirmed negative result after the nucleic acid testing, the said member of the mission may be picked up by his/her mission/office and stay at home for observation for 14 days.

(3) According to the Ministry of Transport of China, so far all the ports of land and water transport open to international transportation in China have suspended their passenger transportation services

The Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the foreign diplomatic missions and the representative offices of the international organizations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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