



36th International Geological Congress

(An Autonomous Body under the
Ministry of Mines and Ministry of Earth Sciences)



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Sir,

The Government of India was all set to organize the 36th International Geological Congress, a prestigious scientific event acknowledged as the Olympics of Geosciences, in Delhi, India during 2-8 March, 2020. However, considering the situation emerging out of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), the Government has decided to postpone the event under **force majeure** condition, to a later date in 2020.

2. Significantly, about 5000 delegates from 120 countries had booked their flight tickets to attend the Congress. At this juncture when all preparations for the event were at a finishing stage, and the delegates were preparing to board their flights, one can fully understand the inconvenience and plight that the postponement of the Congress may have caused to them because of a reason which is beyond human control.

3. While we express our complete solidarity with the delegates, we most earnestly request you to come forward and support the cause in this time of crisis. It would be a generous gesture from you, if you could kindly extend the validity of the tickets of the delegates till 31 December 2020 by which date we expect the Congress to be concluded. In the event of a cancellation, you may kindly consider full reimbursement or reduce the cancellation charges for the delegates to minimize their financial loss.

4. We are sure your kind gesture will go a long way in reaffirming the faith of the global community in the spirit of unitedness and camaraderie, especially while dealing with a world crisis like this.

Yours sincerely,

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To,

All Airlines