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Dear Sir/Madam,

**United Nations/Iran Workshop
on Space Technology Applications for Dust Storm and Drought Monitoring,
Tehran, Iran, 26 – 30 September 2015**

I am pleased to inform you that the above-referenced Workshop on applications of space technologies for dust storm and drought monitoring is part of the activities of the United Nations Programme on Space Applications in 2015 endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly. The Workshop is being jointly organized by the Office for Outer Space Affairs and the Iranian Space Agency on behalf of the Government of Iran and co-sponsored by the InterIslamic Network on Space Sciences and Technology. The Workshop will be held in Tehran, Iran, from 26 to 30 September 2015.

On behalf of the United Nations, it is my pleasure to extend this invitation, through you, to your Government to nominate highly qualified individuals to participate in this Workshop. It would be highly appreciated if you could promptly transmit this information to the appropriate governmental, academic, research and other relevant institutions/organizations in your country.

Please note that online application form is available and can be accessed through our website: <http://www.oosa.unvienna.org/oosa/en/SAP/act2015/iran2015/index.html>. Candidates are expected to apply for the Workshop online in order to help us streamline the processing of applications and the administration of the event.

Within the limited financial resources available to the co-sponsors, qualified applicants who express the need for assistance will be offered financial support to participate in the Workshop. This may include the provision of a round-trip air ticket and accommodation support.

Kindly note that all applications for participation must be submitted by 10 June 2015. For applicants seeking financial support, all required fields and signature page are mandatory.

Thank you very much for your usual assistance and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



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