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Dear Dr. Hendra,

PROPOSAL TO HOST THE 2nd CTI-CFF LEADER'S SUMMIT IN CONJUNCTION WITH APEC 2020 IN MALAYSIA

I would like to refer to your letter (ref: CSO/RS/8/19/436) dated 8 August 2019.

2. We appreciate your proposal for Malaysia to host the 2nd CTI-CFF Leader's Summit in conjunction with APEC 2020. We have liaised with our International Division and the local secretariat and they have indicated that the schedule for the APEC 2020 Leader's week is already very saturated. Furthermore, my Ministry will also be organising the APEC Policy Partnership on Science, Technology and Innovation (PPSTI) during APEC 2020 and much of our officers will be involved with PPSTI.

3. Considering the above as well as acknowledging that not all CTI member states are APEC members, we suggest the Regional Secretariat to look at other platforms to host this event. We suggest a high-level side event during Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to be held in China in 2020 will be a more appropriate platform as all CTI member states are also party to CBD. Furthermore CTI is a programme to enhance the implementation of CBD at a regional level.

Thank you.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of our highest consideration.

(Signature)

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