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The Concerned Visa Officer Indian Embassy/High Commission

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Subject: Granting of Conference visa to participants of the XIth Social Choice and Welfare Meeting, New Delhi.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Indian Statistical Institute is organizing the XIth Social Choice and Welfare Meeting at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi from August 17-20, 2012. This is a highly prestigious international conference that will be attended by scholars from all across the world.

Please note that according to Clause 2 of the procedure for the grant of a conference visa (No 25022/62/2010-F (CC) Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division) dated August 16, 2010), Indian Missions are authorized to issue conference visas to delegates on production of an invitation to a conference/seminar/workshop being organized in India by Central Educational Institutions (wherever Clauses 5(a) and (b) do not apply). We have accordingly issued invitation letters to all participants.

We are also attaching an "office memorandum" from the Ministry of Home Affairs relating specifically to our conference - see Para 5.

Kindly note that the Indian Statistical Institute is a fully funded autonomous Central Educational Institute of the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. The Institute was granted the status of an Institution of National Importance by an act of the Indian Parliament in 1959 (The Indian Statistical Institute Act, 24th December 1959 - see here: <u>http://www.isical.ac.in/MOAFiles/ISIAct1959.pdf</u>).

We will be very grateful if you could issue a conference visa to any scholar who has been issued an invitation letter. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Sincerely, Journava Sen

Arunava Sen Chairman, Organizing/Program Committee XI Meeting of Society for Social Choice and Welfare <u>http://www.isid.ac.in/~sscw2012</u>

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