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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 Representative Offices of International Organizations in China (hereinafter referred to as the missions), and has the honor to draw attention to the following matters regarding the implementation of China VI-b emission standards in Beijing for new light-duty vehicles:

To reduce pollution from motor vehicle emissions, Beijing will commence the implementation of China VI-b emission standards for new light-duty vehicles as of January 1, 2020. The Announcement on Matters Related to the Implementation of China VI-b Emission Standards for Motor Vehicles (Jing Huan Fa (2019) No. 24) was released by the Beijing Municipal Ecology and Environment Bureau (BEE), on the website of the People's Government of Beijing Municipality on December 10, 2019. The details are as follows:

1. Starting from January 1, 2020, light-duty petrol vehicles of the missions and their members to be licensed as diplomatic vehicles are required to meet the China VI-b emission standards to be implemented in Beijing (equivalent to Bin 70 and higher under the US EPA Tier 3 standards, ULEV 70 and higher under the State of California's LEV III, or Euro 6D and higher).

- 2. Diplomatic vehicles included in the BEE catalog of vehicle models compliant with China VI-b emission standards are immediately qualified for undergoing environmental procedures at vehicle inspection sites in Beijing. Those not included in the catalog are subject to emission level evaluation by the Motor Vehicle Emission Management Center of BEE, and the compliance reports issued therein shall serve as the basis for environmental review in first-time diplomatic license applications.
- 3. Diplomatic vehicles compliant with China V standards that have arrived or will arrive in China from overseas before January 1, 2020, but have not yet been registered may continue to undergo the environmental procedures upon provision of the relevant certificate showing the date of arrival at port of entry.

The Protocol Department requests the missions to observe the aforesaid rules to prevent failure in vehicle registration due to noncompliance with emission standards.

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 Diplomatic Missions and Representative Offices of International Organizations in China the assurances of its highest consideration.

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