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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to invite their Government to designate an expert or experts to the Twentieth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Asia and the Pacific, which will be held on Jeju Island, Republic of Korea from 6 – 9 October 2015. The provisional agenda for the Conference will be issued as document E/CONF.104/1.

This invitation is in pursuance of Economic and Social Council decision 2014/252, adopted at the 50th plenary meeting of ECOSOC of 17 November 2014. Experts should be made available at their Government's expense.

The primary objective of the Conference is to provide a regional forum where government officials, scientists and experts from Asia and the Pacific and other regions meet to address the common needs, problems and experiences in the interrelated fields of surveying, geography, cartography and mapping, hydrography, remote sensing, land/sea and geographical information systems and environmental protection, including educational and training aspects, scientific and technological requirements, implementation issues and benefits.

In order to assist the Secretariat with its preparation for the Conference, the Secretary-General would be grateful to receive as soon as possible details concerning the names of the delegates designated by their Government to attend the Conference. The Secretary-General avails himself of this opportunity to request those Governments which may wish to submit technical papers, to do so in accordance with the procedures outlined in document E/CONF.104/INF/1. For further information, please refer to the website of the Conference at: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/RCC/default.html>.

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