



18th November, 2015

Dear

Subject: Formal invitation to attend the 4th Global Congress on Intellectual Property & the Public Interest, 2015 at New Delhi from 15th to 17th December, 2015.

The Organising Committee of the 4th Global Congress on Intellectual Property & the Public Interest, 2015, takes great pleasure in formally inviting you to participate in this international conference due to be held from the 15th to the 17th of December, 2015 at National Law University- New Delhi.

Clearance for the 4th Global Congress on Intellectual Property & the Public Interest, 2015 has been accorded by (a) the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India *vide* letter bearing no. F. No. 42150948/CC, dated 14.09.2015; and (b) the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India *vide* letter bearing no. AA/162/01/2015-974, dated 18.11.2015.

The Global Congress on Intellectual Property and the Public Interest is the most significant event on the calendar for scholars, researchers, activists, practitioners and policy advocates working on intellectual property from a public interest perspective. The Global Congress supports the formation of strong networks and the dissemination of research and strategies amongst academics and practitioners, with the aim of empowering them to respond to law reform and enforcement proposals that threaten access and innovation, and to put forward a positive agenda for policy reform. The Global Congress began in Washington DC in 2011, moved to Rio de Janeiro in 2012, and was held in Cape Town in 2013. The fourth Global Congress will now be held in New Delhi, in December 2015. The event would be the largest convening of public interest-oriented intellectual property practitioners ever held in Asia, and would help link the world's most populous region to these global debates around how intellectual property policy can best serve the public interest.

The event will comprise of sessions being held over 3 days. The first day (15th December) will be open to the public, and the second and third days (16th and 17th

December) are open only to registered participants upon their application and acceptance. The Organising Committee is happy to recommend accommodation for the participants.

For further information, please visit <http://global-congress.org/>. Please contact global-congress@cis-india.org in case of any queries.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Swaraj Paul Barooah', written in a cursive style.

Swaraj Paul Barooah
Program Manager

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