**Adapted guidelines for travelling to the Republic of Suriname based on WHO advice on Novel Coronavirus as of February 6, 2020**

The Ministry of Health of the Republic of Suriname announces that the developments surrounding the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) are being closely monitored.

In this regard the Ministry works closely with all relevant national and international stakeholders aimed at prevention against an outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in the Republic of Suriname. Meanwhile joint efforts are being made to identify, isolate and tackle potential cases. To this end the initiatives undertaken by the Suriname Chinese United Association (SCUA) are also welcomed.

Pursuant to the aforementioned and in conformity with the WHO advice the following policy applies as of February 6, 2020, for traveling to the Republic of Suriname:

1. That increased control measures including screening (for symptoms of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) apply to all arriving travelers at border posts.
2. That depending on the result of the screening the following measures will be imposed by Port Health Officers on arriving travelers:
3. All arriving travelers coming from at-risk areas and who are positively screened / show symptoms will be placed in quarantine for 14 days;
4. All arriving travelers coming from at- risk areas will be screened and when they show no symptoms they will be advised to self- quarantine for 14 days; These travelers will be instructed to keep in touch with the local monitoring health authorities by phone number 178 or via WhatsApp (+597) 8836643. In this event the travelers are bearing the direct responsibility for their health;
5. All other arriving travelers not falling under categories 2a and b will be advised to call (24/7) telephone number **178** or via WhatsApp (+597) **8836643** for the necessary assistance, in the event of possible symptoms occurring during their stay in the Republic of Suriname.