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Subject: Extraordinary Session of the Argos Joint Tariff Agreement (JTA-ES-2017),  
 Brest, France, 18 November 2017

Action required: To notify WMO and/or IOC Secretariats, **by 30 September 2017**, of the  
 name and contact details of the representatives participating in the  
 meeting

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the World Meteorological Organization and the Intergovernmental  
 Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO (IOC-UNESCO), I am pleased to announce that at the  
 kind invitation of the Collecte Localisation Satellites (CLS), Toulouse, an extraordinary session  
 of the Argos Joint Tariff Agreement (JTA) will take place in Brest, France, 18 November 2017.

At the last JTA meeting the decision was made to have JTA meetings every 4 years,  
 and authorizing the JTA Executive Committee to make changes to the tariff structure as long  
 as it is consistent with the 4-year plan. As significant changes to the 4-year plan are being  
 proposed, it has been decided to organize a short (1-day) extraordinary JTA meeting.

This meeting will be held immediately after the thirty-third session of the Data Buoy  
 Cooperation Panel (14-17 November 2017), to which invitations were issued through a  
 separate letter.

Attendance at the meeting can be in person or via video or teleconference. The  
 Provisional Agenda and related working documents, local information and video and  
 teleconference information for the session will be available on the website at  
<http://www.jcomm.info/JTA-Extraordinary2017>. The session will be conducted in English only.

It is to be noted that the meeting has been organized as a measure to promote the  
 use of the Argos system for the location of and data collection from buoys and other platforms,  
 both ocean and land based, by securing a preferential tariff for authorized users. We therefore  
 have the pleasure of inviting your representative to this session.

We should be grateful if you would inform the WMO Secretariat by  
**30 September 2017** whether you will be represented at the meeting in person and, if so, of  
 the name of your representative. It may be noted that, according to established procedures,  
 financial assistance by IOC or WMO will not be available for the participation of delegates at  
 the meeting.

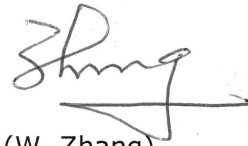
To: Permanent Representatives of Members of WMO, participating in JCOMM (limited distribution)

cc: Argos JTA Representatives of Country (RoCs)  
 IOC Action addressees of countries participating JCOMM  
 Permanent Delegations to UNESCO of IOC Member States  
 Participants at JTA-36

This extraordinary one day session will primarily be dedicated to review and approve the new tariff structure for use of the Argos system and to review the Terms of Reference for the JTA. As stated above, meeting attendance can be in person or via video or teleconference.

We look forward to your favorable response and to your continued and active participation in the Argos JTA activities.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zhang', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

(W. Zhang)  
for the Secretary-General