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Subject: Meeting of the Expert Group on the WMO Global Multi-Hazard Alert System
             (EG-GMAS), 28-29 November 2018, WMO headquarters, Geneva,
             Switzerland

Action required: To confirm your participation or the participation of your designated GMAS
                     Expert Group Member, preferably on or before **8 November 2018**

Dear Sir/Madam,

        As you may recall, the WMO Executive Council at its seventieth session (EC-70)
held in June 2018, adopted Decision 4 (EC-70) "Development of the Global Multi-hazard Alert
System", requesting the Executive Council Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction
(EC WG/DRR) and the Expert Group on GMAS (EG-GMAS) to gather additional user
requirements according to the Plan developed by EC WG/DRR based on the drafts developed
by the EG-GMAS at its meetings held in October 2017 and March 2018 with support from the
Secretariat.

        In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that a meeting of the Expert Group on
the WMO Global Multi-Hazard Alert System (EG-GMAS) will be held from 28 to 29 November 2018,
at the WMO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland.

        The aim of this Expert Group meeting is to take stock of additional user
requirements and further refine material for the consideration of the EC WG/DRR.

        The expected outcomes of the Meeting are as follows:

(1)   Update user requirements according to the Plan developed by EC WG/DRR
        based on the drafts developed by the EG-GMAS;

(2)   Identify best practices from Members and assessments on how these may
        help deliver to the documented user requirements;

(3)   Propose options for the further development and implementation of GMAS
        including needed budget outlines;

(4)   Proposal for an updated version of the GMAS Concept.

        I should therefore be grateful if you could examine the possibility of your
participation, in your capacity as member of EG-GMAS or the participation of your designated
EG-GMAS member in this Meeting. Further details regarding this Meeting will be sent directly
to the participating members.

        Provision for joining the meeting via BlueJeans will also be made available.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of the Expert Group on the WMO Global Multi-Hazard
        Alert System (limited Distribution)

Due to limited funds available for this Meeting, it is hoped that your Service will consider covering the expenses relating to your participation or your designated expert member. However, if this is not possible, WMO, if so requested, would consider providing financial support (travel and/or per diem costs) for your participation or that of your designated expert member.

I should like to draw your attention to the following with regard to insurance coverage for experts while attending a WMO meeting:

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For administrative purposes, and in order to plan the Meeting accordingly, I should be grateful if you could kindly notify the WMO Secretariat preferably on or before **8 November 2018** of your participation, or your designated expert member, and whether financial assistance would be required.

I would like to express my appreciation for your continued support in promoting the Programmes and activities of WMO.

Yours faithfully,

(W. Zhang)
for the Secretary-General