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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Government of Myanmar, the forty-sixth session of the World Meteorological Organization/Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (WMO/ESCAP) Panel on Tropical Cyclones (hereafter Panel) will take place in Nay Pyi Twa, Myanmar, from 9 to 13 September 2019.

It may be recalled that the Panel was established in response to the request made by the Meeting of Experts on Tropical Cyclones in the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea. The main purpose of the Panel is to promote and coordinate the planning and implementation of the measures required to minimize tropical cyclone damage in these areas.

The Panel will review its operational plan which was first adopted at its twelfth session (Karachi, Pakistan, March 1985) and establish the annual operating plan towards achievement of the goals and objectives of the Coordinated Technical Plan which was adopted at its thirty-sixth session (Muscat, Oman, March 2009), and reviewed in every session afterwards.

The session will consider not only the meteorological and hydrological aspects of the tropical cyclone warning system, but also the very important measures needed for disaster prevention and preparedness. Your country has already expressed keen interest in the efforts being made by the Panel to reduce tropical cyclone damage.

In this regard, I am therefore pleased to invite you to nominate an observer to attend the session. It would therefore be appreciated that your representatives include experts on emergency management to advance the definition and developments of such measures. The provisional annotated agenda and information note for the session will be made available in due course.

For administrative purposes I should be grateful if you could kindly notify WMO Secretariat **on or before 31 July 2019**, whether a representative from your country will attend the session.

Yours faithfully,

for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of the Panel on Tropical Cyclones, Members of WMO (limited distribution)

cc: Dr Juma Bin Said Bin Ahmed Al-Maskari, Chairperson of the Panel on Tropical Cyclones