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Annex: 1

Action required: Nomination of a candidate for the position of Second Vice-President of WMO **by 11 January 2018**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the recent conclusion of the election of the First Vice-President of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the remaining vacant seats of the Second and Third Vice-Presidents, following the departures of Mr M.S. Ostojski and Mr A. Mokssit respectively.

In light of the above, the President of the Organization has asked me to start the election process for the Second Vice-President.

The purpose of this letter is therefore to invite nominations for candidates to the office of the Second Vice-President in compliance with Regulation 92 of the General Regulations, which stipulates the following:

"When it is decided to hold elections by correspondence, the Secretary-General shall invite those entitled to vote to nominate in advance eligible candidates for the office or place to be filled. The President who requested the election shall decide on the duration of the period, which shall not be less than thirty days, during which nominations of candidates will be received."

In the determination of those who are entitled to vote and make nominations, the following provisions of the Convention and General Regulations as well as decisions of Congress and Executive Council should be taken into account:

- (a) According to the provisions of Article 11 (a)(4) of the Convention, **only Member States of the Organization** have the right to vote in the election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization;
- (b) Article 6 (a) of the Convention prescribes that the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization shall be **only Directors of their Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services** as designated by the Members of the Organization;
- (c) Regulation 8 of the General Regulations stipulates that "Except as provided by Article 4 (b) of the Convention, **no person shall be entitled to act at the same time as president or vice-president of more than one of the constituent bodies**; or as president of a constituent body and an elected member of the Executive Council";
- (d) Regulation 84 stipulates that the President and the three Vice-Presidents **shall normally belong each to a different Region**. Since the President of the Organization comes from Regional Association IV (North America, Central America and the Caribbean), and the First Vice-President comes from Region VI (Europe),

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the application of this regulation implies that the Second Vice-President of the Organization should normally belong to Regional Association I (Africa), Regional Association II (Asia), Regional Association III (South America), or Regional Association V (South-West Pacific). The provisions of this regulation were adhered to by Congress when electing the President and the three Vice-Presidents of the Organization;

- (e) Resolution 37 (Cg-XI), Eleventh Congress decided that **Members in arrears** for more than two consecutive calendar years through non-payment of their contributions **shall not participate in a vote by correspondence and shall not be eligible for nomination** for elected offices of constituent bodies. This was further clarified by Executive Council at its forty-fifth session adopted the following statement: "The **eligibility** of candidates for election by correspondence for the purpose of Resolution 37 (Cg-XI) shall be that **prevailing on the date of dispatch of request to nominate** candidates to fill an office or a place prescribed in Regulations 15, 16(a) and 145 of the General Regulations. The condition shall satisfy the eligibility requirements of Regulation 75(b) of the General Regulations." Regulation 91(b) stipulates that **all other requirements for eligibility** of candidates shall also be that **prevailing on the date of dispatch** of request to nominate candidates;
- (f) Resolution 37 (Cg-XI), also states that if Article 13(c)(ii) requiring a minimum of four Executive Council seats for each region is not met then the provision that excludes those without voting rights from making nominations or being nominated will not apply. This is the case for Regional Association III, implying that **any Member State of Regional Association III is eligible to nominate or to be nominated**, even if in arrears, as long as the other eligibility requirements are met;
- (g) Article 13 (c)(ii) of the Convention stipulates that **not more than nine and not less than four members of the Executive Council**, comprising the President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization, the presidents of regional associations and the twenty-seven elected Directors, **shall come from one Region**, this Region being determined in the case of each Member in accordance with the Regulations.

To assist the Members in nominating candidates, **I enclose a list of eligible Directors of the Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services as of the date of this letter** according to the information available in the Secretariat (**Annex**).

The President of the Organization decided that a period of thirty days shall be allowed for receipt of nominations. I should be grateful if you would send me as soon as possible any nomination you wish to make for the office of the Second Vice-President of the Organization and in any case, the letter of nomination should reach the Secretariat **not later than 11 January 2018**. After receiving nominations, I shall obtain confirmation of nominees' availability in accordance with Regulation 93 of the General Regulations

A copy of this letter with its annex is being sent to the Permanent Representatives of Members of WMO, to the President of the Organization and also to the Permanent Missions of Member States of WMO, for information.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



(P. Taalas)
Secretary-General

**LIST OF DIRECTORS OF METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES* OF MEMBERS OF THE
ORGANIZATION ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION**

(as of 12 December 2017)

(Note: Members are grouped by WMO Regions as specified in Regulation 141 of the General Regulations)

Region I (Africa)

	Algeria	B. Ihadadene
	Angola	D.J. Do Nascimento
	Benin	M.K. Nakpon
	Botswana	T.L. Botshoma
	Burkina Faso	K.E. Ouedraogo
	Burundi	A. Rurantije
**	Cameroon	R. Philippe
	Congo	A. Kanga
**	Côte d'Ivoire	D. Konate (#)
	Djibouti	O.S. Said
**	Egypt	A. Abd El-Aal
	Eritrea	P. Kahsay
**	Ethiopia	F. Teshome
	Ghana	S.Y. Komla
**	Guinea	M.L. Bah
	Kenya	P.G. Ambenje
	Lesotho	M.F. Mahahabisa (Ms)
	Madagascar	M-L. Rakotondrafara
	Mali	D.A. Maiga
	Morocco	A. Nassif
	Mozambique	A. Muchanga
	Namibia	F. Uirab
	Nigeria	S.A. Mashi
	Rwanda	J. Ntaganda Semafara
	Senegal	M.M. Ndao
	Seychelles	V. Amelie
	South Africa	J. Lengoasa
	South Sudan	M.O.M. Ayoker
	Sudan	A.M. Abdelkarim
	Swaziland	D. Nhlengethwa-Masina (Ms)
	Tunisia	H. Agrebi Jawadi
	Uganda	F. Luboyera
**	United Republic of Tanzania	A.L. Kijazi (Ms)
	Zambia	J.K. Kanyanga
**	Zimbabwe	A. Makarau (#)

* Regulations as: "the Director/Head of a Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Service of the Member who has been designated as the Permanent Representative of the Member, or alternatively, the Director/Head of a Service of a Member responsible at national level for meteorology or for meteorology and operational hydrology specially designated by this Member for the purposes of the Convention and the General Regulations". At present, the Permanent Representatives of Jordan, Mauritius, Nicaragua, Timor-Leste and Yemen have informed the WMO Secretariat that they have relinquished their positions as Directors of their respective Meteorological Services. Formal designations are awaited. They therefore cannot be considered for this nomination at the time of this letter in accordance with, Article 6 (a) of the Convention.

** EC members (see paragraphs (b) and (c) of the letter).

(#) In accordance with Regulation 8 of WMO General Regulations, which stipulates that "... no person shall be entitled to act at the same time as president or vice-president of more than one of the constituent bodies; or as president of a constituent body and an elected member of the Executive Council", should a president/acting president of any of the regional associations be nominated and elected as a Vice-President of WMO, he/she will have to vacate his/her seat as president of that Region.

(##) Deprived of voting rights, but able to nominate or be nominated/elected in accordance with Resolution 37 (Cg XI).

Region II (Asia)

	Afghanistan	M.S. Habibi
	Bahrain	A.T.M. Daham
	Bangladesh	S. Ahmed
	Bhutan	K. Tsering
	Cambodia	LIM Kean Hor
**	China	LIU Yaming (Ms)
	Hong Kong, China	Chi-ming Shun (#)
**	India	K.J. Ramesh
	Iran	D.S. Parhizkar
	Iraq	T.H.M. Al-Korji
**	Japan	T. Hashida
	Kazakhstan	M. Kynatov
	Kuwait	K.M. Shuaibi
	Lao People's Democratic Republic	K. Khoun Phonh
	Macao, China	FONG Soi Kun
	Maldives	A. Majeed
	Mongolia	S. Enkhtuvshin
	Myanmar	H.N. Thiam (Ms)
	Nepal	R.R. Sharma (#)
	Oman	J.S.A. Al-Maskari
	Pakistan	G. Rasul
	Qatar	A.M.A. Al-Mannai
	Republic of Korea	J. NAM
**	Saudi Arabia	A.S. Ghulam
	Sri Lanka	K.H.M.S. Premalal
	Tajikistan	H. Rasulzoda
	Thailand	W. Sakudomachai
	Turkmenistan	B.R. Miminov
**	United Arab Emirates	A.A. Al Mandoos (#)
	Uzbekistan	V.E. Chub
	Viet Nam	CHU Pham Ngoc Hien

Region III (South America)

**	Argentina	A.C. Saulo (Ms)
	Bolivia	L.R. Noriega Flores (##)
	Brazil	F. De Assis Diniz
**	Chile	G.E. Navarro
	Colombia	O. Franco Torres
	Ecuador	J. Olmedo Morán
	Guyana	G. Cummings
**	Paraguay	J. Báez (#)
	Peru	K. Takahashi Guevara (#)
	Suriname	S. Sallons-Mitro (Ms) (##)
	Uruguay	M. Renom Molina (Ms)
	Venezuela	J. R. Ortega Hernández (##)

Region V (South-West Pacific)

**	Australia	A. Johnson
	Brunei Darussalam	M.H. Aji
	Cook Islands	A. Ngari
**	Fiji	R. Kumar
**	Indonesia	A.E. Sakya (#)
	Kiribati	U. Toorua
	Malaysia	A. Bahari
	New Zealand	P. Lennox
	Papua New Guinea	K. Luana
	Philippines	V.B. Malano
	Samoa	P.N. Simi (Ms)
**	Singapore	WONG Chin Ling (Ms)
	Solomon Islands	C. Iroi
	Tonga	'Ofa Fa'anunu (#)
	Tuvalu	T. Katea
	Vanuatu	D. Gibson
