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Annex: 1

Action required: Nomination of a candidate for the position of First Vice-President of WMO
by 8 December 2016

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the seats of the First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) became vacant following the departures of Mr A.D. Moura, Mr M.S. Ostojski and Mr A. Mokssit respectively.

In accordance with the provisions of Regulations 13 to 15 of the General Regulations, I have been invited by the President of the Organization to initiate the process of elections by correspondence of the First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents, respectively. The election of the Second Vice-President will be conducted following completion of the election of the First Vice-President. The election of the Third Vice-President will be conducted following completion of the election of the Second Vice-President.

These regulations stipulate that in the election of a Vice-President, due consideration shall be given to the relevant provisions of Article 13 (c)(ii) of the Convention and of Regulation 84 of the General Regulations, which are discussed below.

The purpose of this letter is therefore to invite nominations for candidates to the office of the First 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, as appropriate, make nominations, the following considerations 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;

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- (b) Resolution 37 (Cg-XI), Eleventh Congress decided, inter alia, 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 of constituent bodies.

Moreover, it is to be noted that the word "eligible" in the first sentence of Regulation 92 of the General Regulations makes it clear that the eligibility of the candidate for the office for which he/she is nominated is a prerequisite for including his/her name in the list of candidates for that office. In this respect, I have the honour to recall the following requirements for eligibility for the office of the Vice-President of the Organization, as laid down by the relevant provisions of the Convention and General Regulations as well as decisions of Congress. The corresponding provisions are outlined hereunder:

1. Article 6 (a) of the Convention prescribes that the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization shall be confined to persons who are designated as Directors of their Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services by the Members of the Organization for the purpose of the Convention, as provided for in the General Regulations;
2. 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";
3. 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. Regulation 141 of the General Regulations stipulates that a Member which belongs to more than one regional association shall, for the purposes of Article 13 of the Convention, normally be regarded as coming from the Region in which the headquarters of its Meteorological Service is located;
4. Resolution 37 (Cg-XI) of the Eleventh Congress decided, inter alia, that nationals or representatives of a Member in arrears for more than two consecutive calendar years through non-payment of their contributions shall not be eligible for nomination or re-nomination for elective offices of constituent bodies nor as members of the Executive Council. You may wish to note that the 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."

Taking into account the above considerations, and in order to assist the Members in nominating eligible candidates, **I am attaching in the Annex a list of those Directors of the Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services as defined by the General Regulations, who are eligible for nomination to the office of the First Vice-President of the Organization** according to the information available in the Secretariat at the time of this letter and in accordance with Regulation 71 of the General Regulations.

In nominating candidates for the office of the First Vice-President of the Organization, due consideration should be given to the provisions of Regulation 84 of the General Regulations referred to above which stipulates that the President and the three Vice-Presidents **shall normally belong each to a different Region**. In this regard, you may wish to note that the President of the Organization comes from Regional Association IV (North America, Central America and the Caribbean). Consequently, the application of this regulation implies that the Vice-Presidents of the Organization should normally belong to Regional Association I (Africa), Regional Association II (Asia), Regional Association III (South America), Regional Association V (South-West Pacific) or Regional Association VI (Europe). The provisions of this regulation were adhered to by Congress at its previous quadrennial sessions when electing the President and the three Vice-Presidents of the Organization.

After receiving nominations, I shall obtain confirmation of nominees' availability in accordance with Regulation 93 of the General Regulations.

In accordance with Regulation 92 of the General Regulations, 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 First Vice-President of the Organization and in any case, the letter of nomination should reach the Secretariat not later than **8 December 2016**.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representatives of the Member States of WMO.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke at the top.

(P. Taalas)
Secretary-General

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

(as of 7 November 2016)

(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
	Chad	E. Mbaitoubam
	Congo	A. Kanga
**	Côte d'Ivoire	D. Konate
	Djibouti	O.S. Said
	Egypt	A. Abd El-Aal
	Eritrea	P. Kahsay
	Ethiopia	F. Teshome
	Gambia	P. Gibba
	Ghana	S.Y. Komla
**	Guinea	M.L. Bah
	Kenya	J.G. Kongoti
	Lesotho	M.F. Mahahabisa (Ms)
	Madagascar	S.S. Rahariveloarimiza (Ms)
	Mali	D.A. Maiga
	Mauritius	R. Mungra
	Morocco	A. Nassif
	Mozambique	C.I.S. Nhapule (Ms)
	Namibia	F. Uirab
**	Nigeria	A.C. Anuforum
	Rwanda	J. Ntaganda Semafara
	Senegal	M.M. Ndao
	Seychelles	V. Amelie
**	South Africa	L. Makuleni (Ms)
	South Sudan	M.O.M. Ayoker
	Sudan	A.M. Abdelkarim
	Swaziland	D. Nhlengethwa-Masina (Ms)
	Tunisia	A. Nmiri
	Uganda	F. Luboyera
**	United Republic of Tanzania	A.L. Kijazi (Ms)
**	Zimbabwe	A. Makarau (#)

Region II (Asia)

	Afghanistan	M.S. Habibi
	Bahrain	A.T.M. Daham
	Bangladesh	S. Ahmed
	Bhutan	K. Tsering
	Cambodia	Lim Kean Hor
**	China	Zheng Guoguang
**	Hong Kong, China	Chi-ming Shun (#)
**	India	L.S. Rathore
	Iran	D.S. Parhizkar
	Iraq	T.H.M. Al-Korji
**	Japan	T. Hashida
	Kuwait	K.M. Shuaibi
	Lao People's Democratic Republic	S. Southichack
	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	Ko Yunhwa
**	Saudi Arabia	A.S. Ghulam
	Sri Lanka	L. Chandrapala
	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
	Yemen	M.S. Alzuraiqi

Region III (South America)

**	Argentina	A.C. Saulo (Ms)
	Brazil	F. De Assis Diniz
**	Chile	G.E. Navarro
	Colombia	O. Franco Torres
	Ecuador	J. Olmedo Morán
	Guyana	G. Cummings
**	Paraguay	J. Báez (#)
	Peru	A.Y. Díaz Pablo (Ms)
	Suriname	C.R. Becker
	Uruguay	G.J. Pisciotano Jalabert
	Venezuela	J.G. Sottolano Gonzalez

Region IV (North America, Central America and the Caribbean)

(Not including the President of WMO, Mr D. Grimes (Canada))

Antigua and Barbuda	K. Meade
Bahamas	T. Basden
Barbados	H.O. Lovell
Belize	C. Cumberbatch (Ms)
** British Caribbean Territories	T.W. Sutherland
** Costa Rica	J.C. Fallas Sojo (#)
Cuba	C. Pazos Alberdi
** Curaçao and Sint Maarten	A.A.E. Martis
Dominica Republic	G.M.B. Ceballos Gomez (Ms)
Guatemala	E.H. Sanchez Bennett
Haiti	P.K. Jean-Jeune
Honduras	H.H. Sierra Sanchez
Jamaica	J. Spooner
Panama	E.B. Esquivel Marconi
Saint Lucia	V. Descartes
Trinidad and Tobago	M. Noel
** United States of America	L.K. Furgione (Ms)

Region V (South-West Pacific)

** Australia	S. Barrell (Ms)
Brunei Darussalam	M.H. Aji
Cook Islands	A. Ngari
** Fiji	R. Kumar
** Indonesia	A.E. Sakya (#)
Kiribati	U. Toorua
Malaysia	Che Gayah I.
Micronesia, Federated States of	J. Berdon
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

Region VI (Europe)

	Albania	F. Hoxhaj
	Armenia	L. Vardanyan
	Austria	M. Staudinger
	Azerbaijan	M. Mammadov
	Belarus	M. Germenchuk (Ms)
	Belgium	D. Gellens
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	E. Sarac
	Bulgaria	H. Branzov
**	Croatia	I. Cacic (#)
	Cyprus	K. Nicolaidis
	Czech Republic	V. Dvorák
	Denmark	M. Thyrring (Ms)
	Estonia	T. Ala
	Finland	J. Damski
**	France	J-M Lacave
**	Germany	G. Adrian
	Greece	I. Georgiou
	Hungary	K. Radics (Ms)
	Ireland	E. Moran
	Iceland	Á. Snorrason
	Israel	N. Stav
**	Italy	S. Cau
	Jordan	M.M. Al-Samawi
	Latvia	K. Treimanis
	Lebanon	M.M. Wouhaibeh
	Lithuania	V. Auguliene
	Luxembourg	L. Wietor
	Montenegro	L. Mitrovic
	Netherlands	G. Van Der Steenhoven
	Norway	A. Eliassen
	Portugal	J.M.A. de Miranda
	Republic of Moldova	M. Roibu
	Romania	I. Sandu
**	Russian Federation	A.V. Frolov
	Serbia	J. Nikolic
	Slovakia	M. Benko
	Slovenia	K. Bergant
**	Spain	M.A. Lopez Gonzalez
	Sweden	R. Brennerfelt
	Switzerland	P. Binder
	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	O. Romevski
	Ukraine	M.I. Kulbida
**	Turkey	I. Günes
**	United Kingdom	R. Varley

* 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 Kazakhstan, Libya, Mexico, Nicaragua, Niue, Poland, Sierra Leone, Timor-Leste, Zambia have informed the WMO Secretariat that they have relinquished their positions as Directors of their respective Meteorological Services. Formal designations are awaited. Until that time, Article 6 (a) of the Convention applies for these cases (see paragraph 1, page 2 of the letter).

** EC members (see page 2 of the letter, paragraphs 2 and 3)

(#) 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", Directors of a Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Service of a Member is defined by the General should a president/acting president of any of the regional associations be nominated and elected as a Vice-President of WMO, he will have to vacate his seat as president of his Region.