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**Subject:** Self-Assessment Report on the WMO Worldwide Met-Ocean Information and Warning Service for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System

**Action required:** To submit the self-assessment report by **4 November 2016**, in electronic form only

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) continues to monitor and facilitate the quality assurance of marine weather information services for Maritime Safety. A key activity of the Marine Meteorological Services Quality Assurance Monitoring Programme is the completion of self-assessment reports by all Issuing Services on the WMO Worldwide Met-Ocean Information and Warning Service (WWMIWS) for the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS). This assessment also provides the basis to plan for future improvement of meteorological support coordinated by the Joint WMO-IOC Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM).

I would like to invite you to arrange for the designated METAREA Coordinator of your Service to complete the self-assessment report on the WMO WWMIWS for the GMDSS within your respective METAREA. Please note that the self-assessment should be made utilizing information from all Issuing and Preparation Services in your METAREA, the collection of which should be coordinated by the designated METAREA Coordinator. Please fill out the online form at: <https://www.research.net/r/MarineMetServMoniProgQuest>.

The completed report should be submitted online at your earliest convenience, but not later than **4 November 2016**. A paper copy is available on request, for those who experience difficulty obtaining Internet access. The METAREA Coordinators are encouraged to contact the WMO Secretariat if clarification or assistance is required to complete the Report.

Please accept my gratitude for the continuing support of maritime safety information services by your Service.

Yours faithfully,

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for the Secretary-General

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