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Attachment Training on Tropical Cyclone Forecasting, RSMC La Réunion,

16-27 March 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have pleasure in informing you that, at the kind invitation of the Government of France, the Attachment Training on Tropical Cyclone Forecasting will be held at the Regional Specialized Meteorological Centre (RSMC) for Tropical Cyclones in La Réunion, France, from 16 to 27 March 2020.

The purpose of the attachment training is to enhance the capacity and competencies in tropical cyclone forecasting in the region, and to improve the operational coordination between RSMC La Réunion and the recipient National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs).

In this regard, I am pleased to invite you to nominate a tropical cyclone forecaster from your Service to participate in this attachment training.

It is hoped that your Service could cover the expenses relating to the attendance of your nominated forecaster. However, if this is not possible, WMO, upon request, could consider providing financial support, air ticket (most economical) and a lump sum in lieu of per diem for the participation of your nominated forecaster in the above-mentioned attachment training.

In order to clarify the WMO insurance coverage for non-staff members, please advise your nominated participant before undertaking travel that:

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For administrative purposes, I should be grateful if you could notify the WMO Secretariat **on or before 12 February 2020,** whether a forecaster from your Service will be able to attend the attachment training and whether financial assistance would be required.

Yours faithfully,

(E. Manaenkova) for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Comoros and Zimbabwe with WMO (limited distribution)

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