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Subject: Participation of the Regional Committee on Hydraulic Resources in meetings of the constituent bodies of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to your letter of 24 June 2020, ref.: CRRH-2020-06-0 and to thank you for your kind and positive appreciation of the process of alignment, renewal and innovation that the Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has been implementing in recent times, under the WMO Reform process. I also welcome your proposal to improve our communication mechanisms in order to achieve a more efficient and direct dialogue between our respective organizations, allowing us to address the important issues that you have raised in your letter, as well as the future challenges we will face in this rapidly changing environment.

As a first step towards more effective communication and coordination between WMO and the Regional Committee on Hydraulic Resources (CRRH), I confirm that, as requested, the WMO Secretariat will invite the CRRH to participate as an observer in the sessions of the WMO constituent bodies, namely the World Meteorological Congress, the Executive Council, the RA IV and the technical commissions.

I will also instruct the WMO Office for North America, Central America and the Caribbean, through the WMO Regional Office for the Americas of the Member Services and Development Department, to coordinate with you and facilitate the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed between WMO and CRRH. This will define and guide a number of strategic actions aimed at promoting dialogue and activities that strengthen communication, representation and participation of our common Members in the sessions of the constituent bodies of the Organization. These activities should also allow us to better identify the requirements of these Members and to communicate them to the technical commissions or other pertinent bodies, through the respective Regional Association.

With these measures, I believe that we will be able to give special emphasis to the voice of Central America Members in the decision-making bodies of WMO.

I look forward to a successful and productive partnership.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General

To: Permanent representatives of Members with WMO (limited distribution)