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Annexes: 2 (available in English only)

Subject: Forty-third session of the RA IV Hurricane Committee (HC-43), online, Part I: 15-17 March 2021, Part II: 4-5 May 2021

Action required: To complete the Nomination Form and to submit it to the WMO Secretariat on or before **15 February 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The WMO Regional Association IV (RA IV) called for an annual session of the RA IV Hurricane Committee (Resolution 5, RA IV-17 – Regional Association IV Hurricane Committee, San José, 27–31 March 2017). Due to the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19, the forty-third session of the RA IV Hurricane Committee (HC-43) will take place online. In addition, with the unprecedented past hurricane season, urgent and important consideration needs to be given to operational matters well in advance of the next hurricane season. The Committee session will, therefore, be organized in two parts over the course of five days. The first part will be held from 15 to 17 March 2021, and the second part from 4 to 5 May 2021, as detailed in Annex I.

The function of the Committee may be broadly described as, among others, coordination and improvement of hurricane forecasting and warning services, and thereby, the reduction of casualties and damage resulting from hurricanes in the region.

Since some aspects of the agenda for the session are related to the activities of your country, I am pleased to invite you to nominate an expert from your Service with roles and responsibilities related to tropical cyclone matters, to attend the session as an observer. Please find attached herewith the Nomination Form (see Annex II).

For administrative purposes I should be grateful if you could notify the WMO Secretariat on or before **15 February 2021**, as to whether an expert will be able to participate in the session.

Yours faithfully,

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Dr Elena Manaenkova for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Cape Verde, Portugal and Spain with WMO

cc: Mr Evan Thompson, President RA IV, Kingston, Jamaica Mr Kenneth Graham, Chairperson of the RA IV Hurricane Committee, Miami, Florida, USA

DRAFT DAILY AGENDA

- **Day 1**. Monday, 15 March. Sections A and B: 1400-1630 and 1800-2030 UTC:
 - Review of the past hurricane season and lessons learned
- **Day 2**. Tuesday, 16 March. Section C: 1500-1800 UTC:
 - Review of the past hurricane season and lessons learned (continued)
- **Day 3**. Wednesday, 17 March. Section D: 1500-1800 UTC:
 - Coordination and update of the Operational Plan

• HC-43(II): 4-5 May 2021 – 1500-1800 UTC

- **Day 4**. Tuesday, 4 May. Section E:
 - Science and programmatic updates
- **Day 5**. Wednesday, 5 May. Section F:
 - Social science update and next steps to finalize report

FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE RA IV HURRICANE COMMITTEE (HC-43) ONLINE, 15-17 MARCH AND 4-5 MAY 2021

NOMINATION FORM

THE GOVERNMENT OF NOMINATES:

Family Name		Gender:
First Name		Male 🗌 Female 🗌
Address (Office)		
City – Country		
Telephone	Office +	Home +
Email		
Date and Place of Birth		Nationality

Present position:

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Date

Signature of Permanent Representative

To be completed and returned by mail, at the latest by **15 February 2021** to:

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