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8 December 2022

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Subject: Vote by correspondence for recommendation to EC-76 for the authorization of an extraordinary session of Regional Association VI (RA VI) (Europe)

Action required: Submission of the vote no later than **6 February 2023**

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to two letters sent by the Secretary-General
Ref. No: [26270/2022/CSG/EXR/RA VI](#) of 1 November 2022 and
Ref. No.: [27895/2022/CSG/EXR/RA VI](#) of 18 November 2022 regarding the recent consultations undertaken by Dr Skålin, acting president of RA VI (Europe), during the Regional Conference of RA VI (RECO) held from 2 to 4 November 2022. This consultation related to the possible convening of an extraordinary session of the Regional Association for the election of a president and vice-president to RA VI.

As a result of this consultation and pursuant to [Regulation 137\(b\)](#) (*Basic Documents, No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), the request of nineteen Permanent Representatives of Members of RA VI was received and the threshold of one third of the Region's Members needed to initiate a vote by correspondence was reached. This vote is for a recommendation to the seventy-sixth session of the Executive Council (EC-76), which will be held from 27 February to 3 March 2023, to authorize the convening of an extraordinary session of the association for the election of a president and vice-president to RA VI.

I therefore have the honour to invite the Members of RA VI to proceed with this vote by correspondence in conformity with the relevant provisions of the articles of the Convention and the General Regulations, including Regulations [54 to 56](#) and [61](#), and the [Rules of Procedure for Regional Associations](#) (WMO-No. 1241).

I am enclosing herewith a voting slip ([Annex 2](#)) together with an authenticating document ([Annex 3](#)) for completion. Please note that this voting slip is being transmitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of those Permanent Representatives of RA VI who have been designated to act on technical matters only, and to the Permanent Representatives of RA VI who have been designated as the normal channel of communication (lists in [Annex 4](#)).

Please be aware of the following guidance in completing the vote:

- (a) The voting slip should contain only one selection on the recommendation to convene an extraordinary session of the Regional Association. No other notation, mark or sign revealing the identity of the voter should appear on the voting slip;
- (b) The authenticating document must be signed in the case of Members, on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member **or**, in the case of those matters to which the provisions of [Regulation 5](#) apply, by the Permanent Representative of the Member or a person authorized to sign on behalf of the Permanent Representative and designated as such to

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the Secretary-General ([Regulation 54\(b\)](#) of the General Regulations). Please note that the absence of the authentication document will invalidate the individual vote cast;

It should be emphasized that WMO Permanent Representatives designated by their government with authority limited to technical matters only, cannot vote unless otherwise formally indicated by their respective government;

- (c) The vote is to be sent to the Secretary-General at email address: e-voting@wmo.int, not more than sixty days after the date of dispatch of the present letter ([Regulation 54\(a\)](#) of the General Regulations), i.e. not later than **6 February 2023**;
- (d) In the case of the Permanent Representative, the vote should only be sent from an officially registered email of the Permanent Representative, as reflected in the Secretariat records;
- (e) Only votes of Members entitled to vote shall be considered (list attached [Annex 4](#)). In this connection, [Resolution 37 \(Cg-XI\)](#) stipulates, inter alia, that those Members who have not paid their contributions for more than two consecutive calendar years shall not be entitled to vote in sessions of constituent bodies of the Organization, nor to participate in a vote by correspondence of constituent bodies of the Organization.

I should be greatly obliged if you would kindly return the voting slip and the authenticating document duly completed in conformity with the above procedures and practices to the specified email address: e-voting@wmo.int, so that the vote reaches the Secretariat before the final closing date of **6 February 2023**.

Kindly ensure with your WMO Permanent Representative that only one vote is cast by your government.

This letter together with the annexes is being sent to the Permanent Missions of Member States of WMO, for those designated to act on technical matters only, and to the WMO Permanent Representatives of your country designated as the normal channel of communication.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Prof. Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General

EXTRACTS OF RELEVANT WMO REGULATIONS AND RULES

WMO *Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15) 2021 edition.

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CONVENTION

Suspension

ARTICLE 31

If any Member fails to meet its financial obligations to the Organization or otherwise fails in its obligations under the present Convention, Congress may by resolution suspend it from exercising its rights and enjoying privileges as a Member of the Organization until it has met such financial or other obligations.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

Permanent Representatives of Members

REGULATION 5

- (a) Each Member shall designate by written notification to the Secretary-General a Permanent Representative who should be the Director of the Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Service to act on technical matters for the Member between sessions of Congress. Subject to the approval of their respective governments, Permanent Representatives should be the normal channel of communications between the Organization and their respective countries and shall maintain contact with the competent authorities, governmental or non-governmental, of their own countries on matters concerning the work of the Organization;

Voting by correspondence

REGULATION 54

A vote, in any vote by correspondence, including an election, shall be valid only if the voting slip or electronic vote:

- (a) Is received by the Secretary-General not more than 60 days after the date of dispatch of the request to vote;
- (b) In the case of Members, the voting slip has been signed on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member or, in the case of those matters to which the provisions of Regulation 5 apply, by the Permanent Representative of the Member or a person authorized to sign on behalf of the Permanent Representative and designated as such to the Secretary-General.

REGULATION 55

- (a) Except in commissions, the quorum for voting by correspondence within a constituent body shall equal the quorum required for a meeting of that body;
- (b) The quorum for voting by correspondence within commissions shall be a majority of the number of Members represented on that commission;

- (c) If the number of replies received by the Secretary-General during the 60-day period referred to in Regulation 54 does not reach the quorum required for voting by correspondence, the motion shall be considered as lost.

REGULATION 56

All votes by correspondence, including elections, shall be conducted by the Secretary-General. At least two senior officials of the Secretariat shall be designated by the Secretary-General to check and count the voting slips or electronic votes received. A statement certifying the results of the ballot shall be established and signed by these officials after such a count. The voting slips or results of the electronic voting shall be retained by the Secretary-General for a period of 180 days after the close of the ballot and then destroyed.

REGULATION 61

- (a) Except in votes by correspondence by the Executive Council, the result of a vote by correspondence in the form of the numbers of votes cast for and against and the number of abstentions shall be communicated to all Members invited to participate in the vote;
- (b) A list showing the votes of individual Members shall be sent to any Member, on request, provided such a request is received within 180 days of the close of the ballot and unless two or more Members invited to participate in the vote have requested, before the voting terminates, that this information not be communicated.

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Session

REGULATION 137

- (b) An extraordinary session of an association may be convened by decision of Congress or the Executive Council, if so recommended by the association, either in session or through a vote by correspondence which will be conducted after receiving a request from one third of the Members of the association.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Members of the regional associations are Members of the Organization that have declared their membership under the conditions of Article 18 (a) of the Convention and Regulations 131 to 133.

3.2 A Member may belong to more than one regional association provided that the conditions of Regulation 131 regarding the exclusive responsibility, technically and financially, for the maintenance of a network of meteorological or hydrological stations lying in or extending into the geographical limits of the Region concerned, are met.

Note: While Members may belong to more than one regional association and may exercise voting rights in all associations of which they are members, for the election of members of the Executive Council Regulation 112 has to be respected. Therefore Regulation 112 also restricts the candidates for the election of the president of the association, as the president of an association is an ex officio member of the Executive Council.

LIST OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATION VI MEMBERS WHOSE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED BY THEIR GOVERNMENT TO BE THE
NORMAL CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO ACT
ON TECHNICAL MATTERS ONLY, WITH VOTING RIGHTS

Permanent Representatives of Regional Association VI designated
as the Normal Channel of Communication

Albania	Latvia
Andorra	Lithuania
Armenia	Monaco
Austria	Montenegro
Bulgaria	Netherlands
Croatia	North Macedonia
Cyprus	Norway
Czechia	Poland
Denmark	Portugal
Estonia	Republic of Moldova
Finland	Romania
France	Russian Federation
Georgia	Serbia
Germany	Slovakia
Greece	Slovenia
Hungary*	Sweden
Iceland (Technical matters and can vote)	Switzerland
Israel	Türkiye
Italy	Ukraine
Kazakhstan	

Permanent Representatives of Regional Association Vi designated to act
on Technical Matters only

Azerbaijan	Jordan
Belarus	Lebanon
Belgium	Luxembourg
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Malta
Ireland	Spain
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	

*Vote ballot to be forwarded to Ministry of Foreign Affairs pending nomination of Permanent Representative with Member

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The Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States of WMO to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva and has the honour to refer to the vote by correspondence for a recommendation to the seventy-sixth session of the Executive Council (EC-76) for authorization of an extraordinary session of Regional Association VI (Europe).

In this respect, the Secretariat kindly requests the transmission of the ballot letter ref.: 28214/2022/CSG/EXR/Vote RA VI Ext. Session dated 8 December 2022, together with its annexes to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

A copy of this Note Verbale and enclosed letter without Annexes 2 and 3 are being sent to the Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO who have been designated to act on Technical Matters only.

The Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States of WMO to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, the assurances of its highest consideration.



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