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Annex: 1

Subject: Acting president of Regional Association III and Election by correspondence of the president of Regional Association III (RA III)

Action required: Nomination of candidates for president of RA III by **14 April 2023**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that the positions of president and vice-president of RA III (South America) became vacant following the departures of:

- Ms Yolanda González Hernández, Director General, Institute of Hydrology, Meteorology and Environmental Studies (IDEAM, Instituto de Hidrología, Meteorología y Estudios Ambientales) and Permanent Representative of Colombia with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and
- Mr Raúl Enrique Rodas Franco, Director, Dirección de Meteorología e Hidrología – DINAC (civil aviation authority of Paraguay) and Permanent Representative of Paraguay with WMO.

In accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 15 \(a\) and \(b\)](#), (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)) the President of the Organization shall assume the responsibility of acting president of the Region, until the president of the association is elected, as the seat of the vice-president of RA III is also vacant.

In this respect, and in accordance with [General Regulation 8 \(2\)](#), the President has delegated the responsibilities of acting president of RA III to the First Vice-President, Professor Andrea Celeste Saulo, and she has accepted. In her capacity as acting president of RA III, Prof. Saulo has requested the Secretariat to proceed with elections by correspondence for president of the association, in accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 15 \(a\)](#).

The purpose of this letter is to invite nominations for candidates to the office of the president, in compliance with [General Regulation 74](#) which stipulates the following:

When it is decided to hold elections by correspondence, the Secretary-General shall invite those entitled to vote to nominate in advance eligible candidates for the office or place to be filled. The president who requested the election shall decide on the duration of the period, which shall not be less than 30 days, during which nominations of candidates will be received.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association III (South America) with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers of Members of Regional Association III

In the determination of those who are entitled to vote and make nominations, the following provisions of the General Regulations, as well as the decisions of Congress should be taken into account:

- (a) Regulations 131 and 135 (a) prescribe that the president and vice-president of an association shall be Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services of Members of the Organization belonging to the Region.

In that regard, should a Member belong to more than one regional association then, pursuant to Regulation 112, that Member shall be considered as belonging to the Region in which the headquarters of its Meteorological Service is located;

- (b) Pursuant to Regulation 7 except as provided by Article 4(b) of the Convention (Convention of the World Meteorological Organization, *Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), no person shall be entitled to act at the same time as president or vice-president of more than one of the constituent bodies, or as president of a constituent body and an elected member of the Executive Council;
- (c) By its Resolution 37 (Cg-XI) – Suspension of Members for failure to meet financial obligations, the Eleventh Congress decided, inter alia, that nationals or representatives of a Member in arrears for more than two consecutive calendar years shall *not* be eligible for nomination for elective offices of any constituent body.

To assist the Members in nominating candidates, I enclose a list of eligible Directors of the Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services as of the date of this letter, according to the information available to the Secretariat (see annex).

After receiving nominations, I shall obtain confirmation of the nominees' availability, in accordance with General Regulation 75. Should the list of candidates only contain one name, then this candidate shall be declared elected pursuant to the same Regulation.

In accordance with General Regulation 74, the acting president of RA III has decided that a period of 30 days shall be allowed for the receipt of nominations. I should be grateful if you would send me any nomination you wish to put forward for the office of the president of RA III, as soon as possible but no later than **14 April 2023**.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General

LIST OF DIRECTORS OF THE METEOROLOGICAL OR HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES* OF MEMBERS OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATION III (SOUTH AMERICA) ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF RA III
(not including Prof. A. Celeste Saulo, First Vice-President of WMO) ***

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Member	Name
Brazil	Mr Miguel Ivan LACERDA DE OLIVEIRA**
Chile	Mr Reinaldo GUTIERREZ CISTERNA
Colombia	Ms Ghislane ECHEVERRY PRIETO
Ecuador	Mr Bolivar Andrés ERAZO MALDONADO
Guyana	Dr Garvin CUMMINGS**
Paraguay	Lic. Eduardo Jose MINGO VEGA
Peru	Dr Guillermo Antonio BAIGORRIA PAZ
Uruguay	Colonel Pablo Daniel CABRERA

* Director of a Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Service of a Member is defined by the General Regulations ([Basic Documents No. 1](#) (WMO-No. 15) 2021 edition) as:

The Director/Head of a Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Service of the Member who has been designated as the Permanent Representative of that Member, or alternatively, the Director/Head of a Service of a Member responsible at the national level for meteorology or for meteorology and operational hydrology specially designated by this Member for the purposes of the Convention and the General Regulations.

** These individuals have been elected as members of the Executive Council.

*** As Prof. A. Celeste Saulo is serving in the role of First Vice-President of WMO, then by virtue of Regulation 7, she is deemed ineligible to stand as president or vice-president of RA III.