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Subject: Relocation of the Water and Climate Coalition Secretariat

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to thank you for your continued support to the Water and Climate Coalition (WCC) as one of the Founding Members. In this regard, I am writing to update you on a significant development concerning the Water and Climate Coalition Secretariat.

As you are aware, over the past year we have been focused on securing support from partners and potential donors to sustain the operations of the Water and Climate Coalition Secretariat through financial or in-kind contributions. We are pleased to share with you that the Global Water Partnership (GWP) has generously extended an offer to support and host the Secretariat at their Southern Africa office in Pretoria.

Given GWP's status as a Founding Member of the WCC, we perceive this offer is arriving at a crucial moment, ensuring the seamless continuation of the work of the WCC, in complete alignment with the Coalition's vision and objectives. WMO supports this proposal, and the Steering Committee of the WCC, of which your entity is a member, has also supported this. The Secretariat is therefore from now on hosted by the Global Water Partnership Southern Africa (GWP-SA) office and no longer at the WMO Headquarters in Geneva.

Please rest assured that the WMO will continue to play a pivotal role in the Coalition, contributing to the strategic directions and providing ongoing support to ensure the WCC's success. We are committed to a smooth transition and have established a plan to transfer responsibilities to GWP-SA, ensuring continuity of operations and alignment with our shared objectives. We have recently organized a virtual WCC Steering Committee meeting where this transition was discussed, and many related questions were addressed. We appreciate your understanding and support during this phase of restructuring, and we are confident that this change will enhance our effectiveness and reach in tackling water and climate challenges in an integrated fashion.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Water and Climate Coalition and we look forward to a continued fruitful collaboration.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

To: Heads of Agencies of the founding members of the Water and Climate Coalition (WCC) - (FAO, IFAD, UNDP, UNECE, UNEP, UNESCO, UNICEF, UNU, WHO and GWP)