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Subject: EC Task Force on the Comprehensive Review of the WMO Regional Concept ([Resolution 2 \(EC-72\)](#) - Activities and Working Mechanisms of the Regional Associations), and the review of regional offices and regional structures, ([Resolution 40 \(EC-76\)](#) - Review of regional offices and regional structures)

Action required: Presidents of regional associations to propose two members from each region to the President of the World Meteorological Organization before **31 January 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may recall, the Executive Council at its seventy-second session (EC-72) established a Task Force to lead a comprehensive review of the WMO Regional Concept in line with [Resolution 11 \(Cg-18\)](#) – WMO Reform- Next phase, with the task to submit recommendations to the Executive Council and Congress. EC-76 expressed appreciation for the work done and agreed that the Task Force should continue its work to:

- (1) Develop the criteria for a basic structure for the functioning of the regional offices; this would include a clear delineation of the technical and management functions in accordance with the guidelines on the role, responsibilities and operations of regional offices and in line with regional needs;
- (2) Develop the criteria for the strategic location of the regional and representative offices that would enable them to function effectively and best serve Members' needs and report to the Executive Council at its seventy-eighth session (EC-78) in June of this year.

The Task Force is led by the Third Vice-President of WMO (Chair) and composed of all presidents and vice-presidents of the Regional Associations and interested EC members. It will be conducted in broad consultation with WMO global and regional partners, taking into consideration the differences and the diversity of the WMO Regions. I should be grateful if you would make the relevant consultations in your respective region and transmit the name(s) of your proposed candidate(s) (maximum of two), in writing, to the President of WMO before **31 January 2024**.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

To: Presidents of Regional Associations

cc: WMO President