



Our ref.: 13307/2018/DSG/CER/EC Members

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Annex: 1

Subject: Proposal to fill vacant EC seats at the Seventieth session of the Executive Council (EC-70), Geneva, 20-29 June 2018

Action required: Views and comments should reach the WMO Secretariat on or before
1 June 2018

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to consult with you on a proposal to fill vacant EC seats at the seventieth session of the Executive Council (EC-70) from 20 to 29 June 2018.

The position of the Third Vice-President remains vacant and, under the provisions of Article 11 of the WMO Convention and Regulation 15 of the General Regulations, should be filled through an election by Member States. In addition, there are seven elected EC seats that are vacant (as reflected in the annexed table), which have been notified to the Secretary-General up to the time of writing, for which acting members should be designated under the provisions of Regulation 145, during EC-70.

However, proceeding with the Third Vice-President election now would have the consequence of leaving EC-70 five short of its 37 members. The Third Vice-President election would not finish until later this year, and Regions I, II and VI, would not be fully represented at EC-70 since WMO General Regulations 84 and 86 give precedence to filling the Vice-President seats before those of regular EC members.

In my view, given the timing of Congress and the length of time to realize a Third Vice-President through a vote by correspondence process, it is in the best interest of the Organization to proceed with the filling of all EC vacant seats at EC-70 and suspend further elections until Congress. This would result in replacing all nine EC member vacancies in accordance with the regional distribution called for in Regulation 17.

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Given the importance of our forthcoming EC meeting as the last before Congress and in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 9 (2) regarding guiding the work of WMO and its various bodies and Regulation 146 regarding consultation of EC members on important questions before the upcoming Congress, I would welcome your views in advance of EC-70 to facilitate an effective and timely process for filling the vacant EC seats. If I receive no objections by **1 June 2018**, I will assume that you agree to request Regional Association presidents to propose candidates for Acting EC membership for consideration at EC-70.

I look forward to receiving your views and comments.

Yours sincerely,

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(David Grimes)
President of the World Meteorological
Organization

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