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Subject: Acting EC member from RA VI

Dear member of the Executive Council,

I have been informed by Dr Michael Staudinger, president of Regional Association VI (Europe), of the departure of Mr Ismail Günes, Permanent Representative of Turkey with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) from his position as Director General of the Turkish State Meteorological Service. By virtue of the provisions of Article 6(a) of the Convention and Regulation 10 of the General Regulations, Mr Günes ceased to be an elected member of the Executive Council and the seat he once held, has therefore become vacant.

In light of this development, Dr Staudinger has consulted with the Members of RA VI and a consensus nomination has subsequently emerged with Dr Peter Binder, Permanent Representative of Switzerland and Director General, Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology Meteoswiss, as the proposed candidate to fill the vacant EC seat.

Following this regional consultation, I am writing to confirm the proposal to fill the vacant EC seat in RA VI, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 145 of the General Regulations and Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, regarding actions to be taken when a vacancy occurs in the Executive Council between sessions of Congress, particularly in view of the fact that the vacancy has occurred within the specified threshold period of 130 days before the next session of the Executive Council.

With a view to facilitating an effective and timely process for the filling the vacant EC seat, and given the agreement of EC members prior to EC-70 on the importance of filling EC vacancies, and that the WMO Secretariat has undertaken a confirmation process of the proposed candidate in accordance with the provisions of Rule 16(d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, if I receive no objections by **31 December 2018**, I will assume that you agree to the proposal of the president of RA VI, outlined above.

Yours faithfully,

(D. Grimes)  
President of WMO

To: Members of WMO Executive Council