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Subject: Endorsement of Early Warning Services Technical Regulations by the World Meteorological Congress

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the Extraordinary Session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext(2025)), held in Geneva in October 2025, endorsed amendments to the *Technical Regulations, Volume I* (WMO-No. 49) to include a new Section 6 on Early Warning Services. These amendments establish an important regulatory framework to guide Members in the design, operation and continuous improvement of national early warning services.

The new provisions support the implementation of the United Nations Early Warnings for All initiative and provide Members with clear standards and recommended practices for delivering authoritative and high-quality early warning services. They also aim to strengthen the alignment of capacity-development activities, facilitate collaboration among national and international stakeholders, and enhance trust and engagement from development partners and donors.

The updated Technical Regulations emphasize the role of Members in establishing and operating early warning services for meteorological, hydrological, climatological and related environmental hazards, while ensuring that such services provide clear and actionable information to authorities, disaster risk management stakeholders and the general public. The Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) and the Register of Alerting Authorities (RAA) are integral components of the new regulations.

Members are invited to note that the updated *Technical Regulations, Volume I – General Meteorological Standards and Recommended Practices* (WMO-No. 49), including the new Section 6 on Early Warning Services, is now available in the official languages of WMO. Members are encouraged to review the new regulatory provisions and support their implementation in collaboration with relevant national authorities and disaster risk management stakeholders.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the continued commitment of Members to strengthening early warning services worldwide and to advancing the objectives of the Early Warnings for All initiative.

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary-General

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