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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that following the decisions of the most recent sessions of the Regional Associations II, III, and IV and the Sixteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-XVI), a revised WMO Publication No. 544, *Manual on the Global Observing System*, Volume II (Regional Aspects) has been published in four languages (E/F/S/R).

Furthermore, in response to the recommendation of Fifteenth Congress and the request of the sixtieth session of the Executive Council, this mandatory publication is being made available via the WMO Website at: [http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/OSY/Manuals\\_GOS.html](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/OSY/Manuals_GOS.html) and also the WMO ftp server at: <ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/MediaPublic/Publications>, for ease of downloading.

I trust the new revised version of this publication will further facilitate the activities carried out by you and extend my sincere appreciation for your continued support towards the Global Observing System.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Jarraud', is written over a large, stylized, and somewhat abstract signature mark that resembles a large 'J' or a similar character.

(M. Jarraud)  
Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6617)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives