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Subject: WMO 2012 Survey on the Use of Satellite Data (available in English, French, Russian and Spanish)

Actions required: Please complete the online survey before **30 June 2012**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am soliciting your response to the 2012 WMO Survey on the Use of Satellite Data, designed to collect updated information on WMO Members' capabilities and needs in using satellite-based datasets and products for meteorological, climate, water, and related environmental applications. Following a biennial cycle, the Survey has been structured along three major topics: (i) access to satellite data and products; (ii) application and use of satellite data; and (iii) training on satellite utilization. The Survey is available online at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012_wmosatellitesurvey (in English)
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012_wmosatellitesurvey_fr (in French)
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012_wmosatellitesurvey_es (in Spanish)
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012_wmosatellitesurvey_ru (in Russian)

Your responses will help bridge the gap between the large amount of satellite data available, and the tremendous need for improved access to these data, products, tools, derived information, and user training. Your responses on status, progress, and challenges in using satellites as an information resource will help to shape action by the WMO Space Programme to effectively respond to satellite-specific needs within WIGOS.

For these reasons, WMO will very much welcome **your response by 30 June 2012**. May I kindly suggest that you nominate and notify WMO of a National Focal Point who will respond to the Survey on your behalf and whom the Secretariat could contact if any clarification is needed. WMO is ready to accept several responses per country, and I therefore encourage you to circulate the announcement of this Survey to major satellite user organizations in your country.

Your participation in this important survey is deeply appreciated

Yours faithfully,


(J. Lengoaasa)
for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6643)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives