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Subject: Celebration of World Meteorological Day 2014

Action required: (1) Appropriate arrangements to be made for the celebration

(2) Secretariat to be provided with reports and, if possible photographs, film footage and press feedback

Dear Sir/Madam,

In March of this year, we will once again celebrate World Meteorological Day to commemorate the coming into force on 23 March 1950 of the Convention establishing WMO. As you will recall, the WMO Executive Council decided that the theme for 2014 will be "Weather and climate: Engaging youth".

Our 2014 theme recognizes that the youth of today will benefit enormously from the dramatic advances being made in our ability to understand and forecast the Earth's weather and climate. It also acknowledges growing concerns about human-induced climate change. Most of today's children and youth will see the second half of this century, when many of the serious impacts predicted by the WMO/UNEP Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change are expected to occur. It is vital that the WMO community engage children and youth in both understanding and responding to global warming.

The WMO Secretariat is preparing materials to assist you in organizing the World Meteorological Day celebration. We have started to make these materials available on the WMO website. We will also be pleased to post on the website information that you send to us about your national celebration in an official language of the Organization (Arabic, Chinese, English, Russian, French, and Spanish).

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6747)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives )  
Information and Public Affairs focal points of NMHSs )  
Directors, United Nations Information Centres ) (for information)  
and/or UNDP Resident Coordinators )

Should you prefer that we mail you a certain quantity of hard copies of the booklet or poster in one of the six UN languages, or if you would like to receive electronic versions that would allow you to insert your own logo or other information and then print them yourself, please send your request to [cpa@wmo.int](mailto:cpa@wmo.int).

As in the past, I would be grateful if you could inform me of the way in which World Meteorological Day 2014 was celebrated in your country and, where possible, if you would provide photographs, press feedback, broadcast-quality film footage or other materials relevant to the celebration.

I wish you every success in the celebration of World Meteorological Day.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'J' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that curves slightly upwards at the end.

(J. Lengoasa)  
for the Secretary-General