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Subject: *WMO Technical Regulations* (WMO-No. 49), Volume I, Part I - WIGOS, and the Manual on WIGOS

Action required: To provide the WMO Secretariat with your feedback on the draft documents by **31 December 2014**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the decision of the Sixteenth World Meteorological Congress to proceed with the implementation of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS), the drafts of the *WMO Technical Regulations* (WMO-No. 49), Volume I, Part I - WIGOS, and the Manual on WIGOS (a future Annex to the Volume I) were developed by the Inter-Commission Coordination Group on WIGOS (ICG-WIGOS), which consists of Executive Council focal points, representatives of all WMO Regional Associations and Technical Commissions. This marks a very important milestone on our way toward establishing the WIGOS Framework.

I am pleased to inform you that the Commission for Basic Systems at its extraordinary session (September 2014) endorsed these two draft documents, and they are now available for your review. They may be accessed at the WMO web page: <http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/wigos/WRM.html>. The review process is in accordance with the General Provisions of the *WMO Technical Regulations* (WMO-No. 49), Volume I, that any amendments to the Technical Regulations submitted by Members or by constituent bodies should be communicated to all Members at least three months before they are submitted to Congress. The review period extending over three months commences on 30 September 2014.

You are kindly invited to provide your comments or edits (as tracked changes in each document) to the WMO Secretariat, Dr W. Zhang, Director of Observing and Information Systems Department (wzhang@wmo.int), with a copy to Dr L.P. Riishojgaard, WIGOS Project Manager (Iriishojgaard@wmo.int) and Dr I. Zahumensky, WIGOS Project Officer (izahumensky@wmo.int) at your earliest convenience but not later than **31 December 2014**. This timeline will allow the documents to be modified and submitted in time for Seventeenth Congress in May 2015.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6796)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives)
Presidents of all WMO Technical Commissions) (for information)

Noting the size and technical content of the documents, you will likely call on relevant experts in your country to assist you in the review. Before beginning the review, it may be helpful to consult the explanatory material that is provided at the same web page.

I would like to thank you for your important contribution to this review. Should you, or your experts, require additional information or clarification about this process, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat contacts listed above.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'M. Jarraud', is written over a light blue horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop.

(M. Jarraud)
Secretary-General