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Subject: Amendments to the WMO Technical Regulations (WMO-No. 49), Volume I, Part I - WIGOS, and the Manual on WIGOS (WMO-No. 1160)

Action required: To provide the WMO Secretariat with your feedback on the draft documents by **28 February 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the decision of the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress to proceed with the pre-operational phase of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS), the amendments to the WMO *Technical Regulations* (WMO-No. 49), Volume I, Part I - WIGOS, and the *Manual on WIGOS* (WMO-No. 1160) were developed by the Inter-Commission Coordination Group on WIGOS (ICG-WIGOS).

I am pleased to inform you that these amendments are now available for your review. They may be accessed on 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 *Technical Regulations* (WMO-No. 49), Volume I, that state 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 two and half months commences on 28 February 2019.

The drafting of this new edition of Volume I, Part I - WIGOS, and the *Manual on WIGOS* is a result of a collaborative effort involving many experts, national focal points and the Secretariat Staff, and this marks a very important milestone on our way toward the WIGOS operational phase. All changes made in these drafts are summarized in the Revision Table of the documents.

The *Manual* includes the addition of new provisions relevant to the Global Basic Observing Network (GBON) and Regional Basic Observing Networks (section 3), WIGOS Data Quality Monitoring System (section 2), and integration of all relevant material from the current Manual on the Global Observing System (GOS) (WMO-No. 544) that will be discontinued (section 5).

You are kindly invited to provide your comments or edits (as tracked changes in each document) to the WMO Secretariat, Dr Fernando Belda, Director of Observing and Information Systems Department (fbelda@wmo.int), with a copy to Dr Lars Peter Riishojgaard, WIGOS Project Manager (Iriishojgaard@wmo.int) and Dr Igor Zahumensky, WIGOS Project

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

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

Officer (izahumensky@wmo.int) at your earliest convenience but no later than **28 February 2019**. This timeline will allow the documents to be modified and submitted in time for the Eighteenth World Congress in June 2019.

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 your nominated experts start the review, they are strongly encouraged to make themselves familiar with the Introduction to the Volume I that provides explanatory material on the overall architecture and scope of the *Technical Regulations* and with the Introduction to the *Manual* that explains the purpose and scope of the Manual.

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,



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for the Secretary-General