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Subject: Facilitating discovery and rescue of national data in archives abroad

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to draw your attention to the World Meteorological Organization's (WMO) data rescue activities, which are among the Organization's long-standing strategic priorities. Searching for and documentation of national data stored in archives outside a Member's current territory constitutes a basic step in data rescue practices, which can be greatly facilitated within WMO's collaborative framework. WMO has been informed of related successful information and data exchange activities among Members in the past. I wish to express my gratitude to Members for their proactive collaboration in this respect.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage Members to continue searching in their archives for historic data, digitized or undigitized, which originate from areas outside their current territories, and document potential findings. Ideally, bilateral communication can be initiated to inform the other Member of the data discovery and initiate action to share data copies. Upon request, the WMO Secretariat offers assistance in establishing related contacts between Members. Successful data sharing activities may be reported on [WMO's website](#) (News from Members) to stimulate similar initiatives elsewhere. WMO and its partners may also assist in resource mobilization to facilitate digitization of data discovered on outdated media, such as paper, magnetic tapes etc. as well as data exchange within the framework of WMO or other acknowledged international projects. For assistance in any of the above, kindly contact Mr Peer Hechler, Scientific Officer at wcdmp@wmo.int.

I thank you for your continued support to the WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,

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for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers