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Subject: Amendments to the *Manual on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System* (WMO-No. 1160)

Action required: To provide the WMO Secretariat with your feedback on the draft document by **31 January 2023**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The [WMO Strategic Plan 2020–2023](#) (WMO-No. 1225) requests optimized acquisition of Earth system observation data through the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS), and increased compliance with regulations and standards.

In accordance with [Resolution 3 \(INFCOM-1\)](#) - Workplan of the standing committees and study groups of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems, the amendments to the [Manual on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System](#) (WMO-No. 1160) have been developed by the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM), to address the [WMO Strategic Plan 2020–2023](#) (WMO-No. 1225) requirements, [Resolution 9 \(EC-73\)](#) – Plan for the WIGOS Initial Operational Phase (2020–2023), [Resolution 1 \(Cg-Ext\(2021\)\)](#) - WMO Unified Policy for the International Exchange of Earth System Data, and [Resolution 2 \(Cg-Ext\(2021\)\)](#) - Amendments to the Technical Regulations related to the establishment of the Global Basic Observing Network accordingly.

All proposed changes are listed in the draft amendments to the [Manual on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System](#) (WMO-No. 1160), Publication Revision Track Record in [INFCOM-2-d06.1\(3\)-WIGOS-Manual-1160-ANNEX-approved_en.docx](#).

Per [Recommendation 6.1\(3\)/1 \(INFCOM-2\)](#) - Amendments to the *Manual on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System* (WMO-No. 1160), the second session of the INFCOM (24-28 October 2022) endorsed the current draft amendments ([INFCOM-2-d06.1\(3\)-WIGOS-MANUAL-1160-ANNEX-approved_en.docx](#)) to the [Manual on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System](#) (WMO-No. 1160) to be adopted by the seventy-sixth session of the Executive Council (EC-76), 27 February – 3 March 2023, with effect from 1 February 2024, available on the [INFCOM-2 minisite](#).

The review process is in accordance with the General Provisions of the *Technical Regulations* that any amendments to the [Technical Regulations](#) (*Basic Documents No. 2* (WMO-No. 49)) submitted by Members or by constituent bodies should be communicated to all Members at least three months before they are submitted to Congress.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

You are kindly invited to provide your comments or edits (as track changes in the document) to the WMO Secretariat: Dr Anthony Rea, Director, Infrastructure Department (area@wmo.int), with a copy to Mr Etienne Charpentier, Head, Observing Networks and Measurement Division, Infrastructure Department (echarpentier@wmo.int) and Dr Igor Zahumensky, Consultant (izahumensky@wmo.int) at your earliest convenience, but not later than **31 January 2023**. This timeline will allow to review, and incorporate as appropriate, modifications proposed by Members during this review period prior to the seventy-sixth session of the Executive Council (EC-76).

Noting the technical content of the document, 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 Manual that explains Purpose and Scope of the Manual, and with the General Provisions that provide explanatory material on the overall architecture and purpose of the Technical Regulations and explanation of types of Regulations.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Zhang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Wenjian Zhang
for the Secretary-General