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Subject: Elections at the Nineteenth World Meteorological Congress, 22 May-2 June 2023

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to advise you of the elections that will take place during the Nineteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-19), which will be held from 22 May to 2 June 2023.

Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the World Meteorological Organization

The terms of office of the President and Vice-Presidents of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will expire on 2 June 2023. In accordance with [Article 8\(j\)](#) of the Convention of the Organization ([Basic Documents No. 1](#) (WMO-No. 15)), the Nineteenth World Meteorological Congress will be required to elect the President and the three Vice-Presidents of the Organization, with effect from 3 June 2023, immediately after closure of Congress.

In accordance with [Article 4\(b\)](#) of the WMO Convention, there shall be a President and three Vice-Presidents of the Organization who shall also be President and Vice-Presidents of Congress and of the Executive Council. The procedures governing the election of the President and the three Vice-Presidents are set down in [Article 11\(b\)](#) of the Convention together with [Regulations 62 to 66, 69, and 72](#) of the General Regulations of WMO as contained in the publication [Basic Documents No. 1](#) (WMO-No. 15), 2021 edition.

In addition, by its [Resolution 37 \(Cg-XI\)](#) - Suspension of Members for failure to meet financial obligations, the Eleventh World Meteorological Congress decided, inter alia, that nationals or representatives of a Member in arrears for more than two consecutive calendar years shall *not* be eligible for nomination for elected offices of constituent bodies or as members of the Executive Council. You are kindly invited to contact the Finance Division of the Secretariat at: Fin@wmo.int for further information on the status of your contributions.

According to [Regulation 25](#) of the General Regulations, in Congress, the Nomination Committee shall prepare and submit to the body a list of nominees for each office for which an election is to be held. It shall be the role of the Secretariat to provide the Nomination Committee with all relevant information pertaining to the eligibility of the candidates. In this respect, you are encouraged to inform the Secretary-General in advance if you intend to submit the name of the person who has been designated by your government as Director of your Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services for the purpose of the Convention, as a candidate for the presidency or vice-presidency of WMO. Noting that nominations can be received from the floor up to the last minute just before the election, advanced information would however ease the work of the Nomination Committee and could be provided in writing, including a curriculum vitae with appropriate details on the candidate's relevant background

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and a photo, under confidential cover to the Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization, Case Postale 2300, CH-1211 Genève 2, Switzerland. Email submissions may be made to: cabinet@wmo.int by **15 May 2023**.

Any nomination for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization received prior to Congress, once verified by the Secretariat, will be posted on the WMO website, together with a photo and biographical information provided by the candidate.

Election of members of the Executive Council

The terms of office of the members of the Executive Council of WMO will expire on 2 June 2023. In accordance with [Article 13](#) of the WMO Convention, the Nineteenth Meteorological Congress will be required to elect twenty-seven Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services of Members of the Organization, with effect from 3 June 2023. [Regulation 16](#) of the General Regulations further clarifies the distribution of seats in the Executive Council as follows: Region I (Africa): 9; Region II (Asia): 6; Region III (South America): 4; Region IV (North America, Central America and the Caribbean): 5; Region V (South-West Pacific): 4; and Region VI (Europe): 9.

The procedures governing the election of members of the Executive Council are set down in [Article 11\(b\)](#) of the Convention together with [Regulation 68 to 72](#) of the General Regulations, which are contained in the above-mentioned [Basic Documents No. 1](#) (WMO-No. 15) publication.

In addition, as indicated above, regarding the provisions of [Resolution 37 \(Cg-XI\)](#) - Suspension of Members for failure to meet financial obligations, nationals or representatives of a Member in arrears for more than two consecutive calendar years shall *not* be eligible for nomination as members of the Executive Council. You are kindly invited to contact the Finance Division of the Secretariat at: Fin@wmo.int for further information on the status of your contributions.

As outlined above in the nomination process for the President and Vice-Presidents, the Nomination Committee shall prepare and submit to the body a list of nominees for each office or place for which an election is to be held. It shall be the role of the Secretariat to provide the Nomination Committee with all relevant information pertaining to the eligibility of the candidates.

In this respect, you are encouraged to inform the Secretariat in advance if you intend to submit the name of the person who has been designated by your government as Director of your Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services for the purpose of the Convention, as a candidate for a seat on the Executive Council of WMO. Noting that nominations can be received from the floor up to the last minute just before the election, advanced information would however ease the work of the Nomination Committee and could be provided in writing, including a curriculum vitae with appropriate details on the candidate's relevant background, under confidential cover to the Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization, Case Postale 2300, CH-1211 Genève 2, Switzerland. Email submissions may also be made to: cabinet@wmo.int by **15 May 2023**.

Election of the Secretary-General

Under [Article 22\(a\)](#) of the WMO Convention, the Secretary-General is responsible to the President of the Organization for the technical and administrative work of the WMO Secretariat. The rules governing the election and tenure of the Secretary-General are provided in [Article 11\(b\)](#) of the Convention together with associated Regulations which are contained in the above-mentioned [Basic Documents No. 1](#) (WMO-No. 15) publication.

The duties of the Secretary-General and the functions of the Secretariat are set down in the Convention, General Regulations, including Regulations 153 to 154 , Financial Regulations and Staff Regulations of WMO which are contained in the above-mentioned *Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15) publication.

In accordance with past practice, I wish to invite Members of WMO to nominate suitably qualified candidates for this post for submission to the Nineteenth World Meteorological Congress. Noting that nominations can be received from the floor up to the last minute just before the election, advanced information would however ease the work of the Nomination Committee and could be provided in writing. Nominations, including a curriculum vitae and appropriate details on the candidate's relevant background, should be marked 'Confidential SG Election' and addressed to:

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Email submissions may be made to: cabinet@wmo.int and should be received by **15 May 2023**.

Any nomination for the post of Secretary-General received prior to Congress, once verified by the Secretariat, will be posted on the WMO website at least 30 calendar days before the commencement of Congress, together with a photo and biographical information provided by the candidate. Noting that nominations can be received from the floor up to the last minute just before the election, such postings will not be possible for these candidates.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative of Members with WMO, Permanent Missions of your country in Geneva and Hydrological Advisers.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Prof. Gerhard Adrian
President of WMO