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Your Excellency,

I write further to the letter dated 13 February 2023 from the President of the World Meteorological Organization in which you were notified regarding the election processes that are due to take place during the nineteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-19).

Several Members have requested further clarification relating to the appointment process for the Secretary-General.

For the purposes of clarity and based on past practice, derived from [General Regulation 151](#) (*Basic Documents, No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), the appointment of any one candidate to the position of Secretary-General shall require a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

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. Petteri Taalas  
Secretary-General

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Members of the World Meteorological Organization