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GENEVA, 12 December 2011

Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the President of the World Meteorological Organization, I have the honour to inform you that the extraordinary session of Congress (Cg-Ext.(2012)) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will be held from 29 October to 31 October 2012 at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG), as decided by the Executive Council under Regulation 129 (b) of the General Regulations (2011 edition) (see ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/MediaPublic/Publications/Policy_docs/WMO15/15_2011_edition_en.pdf). A technical conference will precede the extraordinary session of Congress, from 26 October to 27 October 2012.

Article 7(a) of the Convention of the Organization states that the Congress is the general assembly of delegates representing Members and as such is the supreme body of the Organization. Article 7(b) of the Convention states that each Member shall designate one of its delegates, who should be the Director of its Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Service, as its principal delegate.

I should be grateful if in compliance with Regulation 21 of the General Regulations (2011 edition), you would inform me of the names of the persons composing the delegation which will represent your country, and the capacity in which each person will attend.

As you are aware, the holding of the extraordinary session of Congress was the decision of Cg-XVI. The Cg-Ext.(2012) agenda will therefore contain decisions on the implementation plan and governance model for the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS), according to Regulation 137 of the General Regulations (2011 edition). The widest possible representation of Members of the Organization is therefore highly desirable at the session and it is sincerely hoped that your Government will find it possible to send a delegation to the forthcoming extraordinary session of Congress.

In due course, all documentation related to Congress, including the agenda will be posted on the Internet at the following address: www.wmo.int and will be able to be accessed in the following way: Click on "Meetings", then click on "Constituent body sessions" and finally click under "Extraordinary session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext. (2012))"; **OR** open your FTP software (e.g., FileZilla for PC, Cyberduck for MAC) and connect to [ftp.wmo.int](ftp://ftp.wmo.int) in 'passive' mode - Access folder /Documents/SESSIONS/Cg-Ext. (2012).

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO-1361)

The information on the material arrangements will be accessible as they become available.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative of Members with WMO.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Secretary-General