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Subject: Second Session of the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe 15-19 October 2012

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the First Conference of Ministers Responsible for Meteorology, which took place in Kenya in April 2010. The Nairobi Ministerial Declaration established the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology (AMCOMET) as a high-level mechanism for the development of meteorology and its applications in Africa. The Nairobi Declaration further requested that AMCOMET meet regularly and at least every two years.

I am pleased to inform you that the African Union Commission (AUC) has confirmed that at the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe, the Second Session of AMCOMET will be held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe on 15–19 October 2012. The organization of the conference is a partnership of the AUC, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Government of Zimbabwe.

The Second Session of AMCOMET will have two segments:

- The Experts Segment (15-17 October), attended by technical experts, preferably the Heads/Directors of National Meteorological Services, of respective countries who will prepare a report for consideration by Ministers;
- The Ministerial Segment (18-19 October), attended by Ministers Responsible for Meteorology in African Countries.

The Second Session of AMCOMET will consider, among other documents, the AMCOMET Constitution, Rules of Procedures and the Draft African Strategy on Weather and Climate Services as mandated by the Nairobi Ministerial Declaration and the African Union Summit. The session will also debate on the implementation of Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) in Africa.

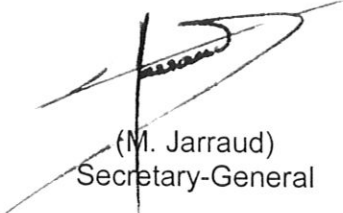
A formal invitation letter has been sent to your Minister of Foreign Affairs, copy enclosed for your information, as well as your country's Minister responsible for Meteorology. Furthermore, please be informed that the Second Session of AMCOMET is an African Union Ministerial Meeting, and as such the AUC will also be sending a note verbale to their constituents regarding the Conference.

To: Ambassadors of Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva of Member States of WMO (Members States from RA I)

Given its significance, I would appreciate your assistance in briefing your Minister of Foreign Affairs on the Second Session of AMCOMET and request him to highly consider your country's representation at the ministerial and expert levels.

Please do not hesitate to contact the AMCOMET Secretariat (amcomet@wmo.int) should you need complementary information. I thank you for your continued support and look forward to continuing our collaboration.

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



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Secretary-General