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Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the President of the World Meteorological Organization, I have the honour to inform you that the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress will be held from 25 May to 12 June 2015 at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG). The opening meeting will take place on 25 May 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

As you may know, 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, 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, Congress is convened only once every four years, when decisions of the highest importance to the Organization are taken. The widest possible representation of Members of the Organization is therefore highly desirable at Congress and it is sincerely hoped that your Government will find it possible to send a delegation to the forthcoming Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress.

In determining the composition of your national delegation, your Government will no doubt take into account the wide range of meteorological and administrative questions, which will need to be discussed. In addition, several hydrological questions will be discussed and I therefore wish to draw your attention to Regulation 30(b) of the General Regulations of the Organization, which states that at each session of Congress, an open sub-committee on hydrology shall be established, attended as a rule by those hydrological advisers of Permanent Representatives and/or those representatives of Hydrological Services included in the delegations of Members.

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO-1410)

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 "Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress" (Cg-17).

Other documents and information on the material arrangements will be accessible as they become available. In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to Regulation 135 of the General Regulations of the Organization, which states that any Member may propose the addition of items to the provisional agenda before the opening of the session, provided that such proposals are accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.

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

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



(M. Jarraud)
Secretary-General