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Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the seventeenth session of World Meteorological Congress (Cg-17, 25 May to 12 June 2015, Geneva, Switzerland) approved the WMO Strategic Plan 2016-2019 and a Statement by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on the Role and Operation of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services for Decisionmakers.

The WMO Strategic Plan 2016–2019 reflects the decisions and directions of the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress and sets the directions and priorities to guide the activities of WMO to enable all Members to improve their information, products and services. It anticipates increased demand for high-quality weather, hydrological and climate services to enhance community resilience, contribute to economic growth and protect life and property from extreme weather, climate and water events.

The Statement urges decisionmakers to enhance their support to National Meteorological and Hydrological Services to fulfill their mandates and deliver services that contribute to meeting societal needs and national development. The governments around the world are the major investors in the establishment of infrastructure and human resources to provide meteorological and hydrological services to support the safety of life and property, air and water transport, agricultural activities, water resource management, and the development and operation of infrastructures for renewable energy (hydropower, solar and wind), among other economic and societal needs. This Statement provides information that can inform decisions to support National Meteorological and Hydrological Services.

I hope that you will find these two documents useful in making your decisions to support your National Meteorological and Hydrological Service, and activities of WMO. The WMO Strategic Plan 2016-2019 is available in all WMO languages at: http://library.wmo.int/opac/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=19066.

The Statement is available in all WMO languages at:

https://www.wmo.int/StatementRoleOperationNMHSs_en
https://www.wmo.int/StatementRoleOperationNMHSs_fr
https://www.wmo.int/StatementRoleOperationNMHSs_es
https://www.wmo.int/StatementRoleOperationNMHSs_zh
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To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO-1427)

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A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representatives of Members with

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



(P. Taalas)
Secretary-General