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Annex: 1

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the recently concluded seventy-sixth session of the Executive Council (EC-76), which was held from 27 February to 3 March 2023 and among other subjects, addressed the question of the voting mechanism to be used during the forthcoming Nineteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-19).

In this respect, the Executive Council (EC) tested the new electronic voting system and found it appropriate for use in the future, for votes such as the election of officers of constituent body sessions and the selection of laureates of awards. Notwithstanding the provisions of [General Regulations 40 and 42](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), concerning Voting in Sessions, the Council recommended that at the Nineteenth Congress, in elections and appointments of key World Meteorological Organization (WMO) leadership positions: Presidents and Vice-Presidents, Members of EC and the Secretary-General, voting would be by secret paper ballot and through physical representation only, to ensure the highest levels of integrity, transparency, security and accountability of the voting process.

This would require that for the purpose of voting, delegates of Members with voting rights are physically present at Cg-19. Members who will not be able to send delegations to Geneva, should for the purpose of voting, consider arrangements for representation through their respective Permanent Missions in Geneva, or if this is not feasible, through the delegation of vote by proxy. In this manner, all rights and privileges of Members with voting rights will be retained.

Where vote by proxy is the most appropriate arrangement for voting, Members are asked to note that the proxy representative, must be a member of an accredited Member delegation with voting rights, to Congress and from a delegation that comprises more than one representative. A template for the delegation of vote by proxy is attached for your attention. All proxies will be submitted to the Credentials Committee, pursuant to [General Regulation 22](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)).

Details of the process for the paper ballot vote will be provided in due course through the [Cg-19 session website](#) in the documentation on methods of work and on voting procedures for elections and appointments (agenda items 1 and 7).

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

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative of Members with WMO and Permanent Missions of your country in Geneva.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of fluid, connected strokes that form a stylized, somewhat abstract shape.

Prof. Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General

DELEGATION OF VOTING RIGHT

during the

**NINETEENTH WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS (Cg-19)
22 May to 2 June 2023, Geneva, Switzerland**

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(Member 1) hereby delegates its voting right at the Nineteenth session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-19) to **Dr/Mr/Ms**
(Member 2).

Signed by Permanent Representative of **(Member 1)** with WMO

Name:

Date:
