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Subject: Notification of the sixteenth session of Regional Association I (Africa) of the

World Meteorological Organization

Action required: Additional agenda items may be proposed

Dear Sir/Madam.

In reference to the holding of the sixteenth session of Regional Association I (Africa) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), I wish to inform you that following the proposal and advice of the Republic of Cabo Verde the session will be postponed, as the latest information from the World Health Organization (WHO) indicates an escalation of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in some countries in West Africa, notably Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Therefore, as a preventive measure to avoid the risk of EVD entering the country, it has been decided to postpone the Sixteenth Regional Association I to 4-10 February 2015, to be preceded by the Sixteenth Regional Technical Conference, from 2-3 February 2015, in the Republic of Cabo Verde.

I wish to assure you that WMO will continuously review the situation on EVD and in consultation with WHO will confirm the venue not later than 10 December 2014.

Should the Republic of Cabo Verde maintain its immigration restrictions at that time, the venue of all sessions will be in Geneva at WMO Headquarters.

Access to the documents will be possible through the WMO website, as indicated below:

Open your Internet browser and go to http://www.wmo.int. Click on "Meetings", then click on "Constituent body sessions" and finally click under the link for the sixteenth session of Regional Association I (RA I-16).

To: Presidents of regional associations (P.RA-1764) Presidents of technical commissions (P.TC-1746)

President of WMO) (for information) CC:

Regional Hydrological Advisors

I should like to invite your attention to Regulation 174(8) of the General Regulations, according to which the Association or Commission over which you preside may propose additional items to the annotated agenda. Explanatory memoranda summarizing the problems raised by the additional items should accompany such proposals.

Yours faithfully,

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for the Secretary-General