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Subject: Celebration of World Meteorological Day 2013

Action required: (1) Appropriate arrangements to be made for the celebration

(2) Secretariat to be provided with reports and, if possible photographs, film footage and press feedback

Dear Sir/Madam,

In March of this year, we will once again celebrate World Meteorological Day to commemorate the coming into force on 23 March 1950 of the Convention establishing WMO. As you will recall, the Executive Council decided that the theme for 2013 will be "Watching the weather to protect life and property - Celebrating 50 Years of World Weather Watch".

Thanks to the World Weather Watch Programme, "watching the weather" has become a highly sophisticated activity dedicated to protecting life and property. Scientific weather forecasting contributes enormously to resource management, disaster risk reduction and sustainable development. This year's World Meteorological Day theme provides an opportunity to celebrate our community's important contributions to human well-being. It also encourages us to look ahead to how weather and climate services will generate even greater benefits in the future.

The WMO Secretariat is preparing materials to assist you in organizing the World Meteorological Day celebration. The materials will be available on the WMO Website shortly and will include my message, a booklet and a poster. We will be pleased to post on the Website information that you send to us about your national celebration in an official language of the Organization (Arabic, Chinese, French, English, Spanish and Russian).

Should you prefer that we mail you a certain quantity of hard copies of the booklet in one of the six UN languages, or if you would like to receive electronic versions that would allow you to insert your own logo or other information and then print them yourself, please send your request to cpa@wmo.int.

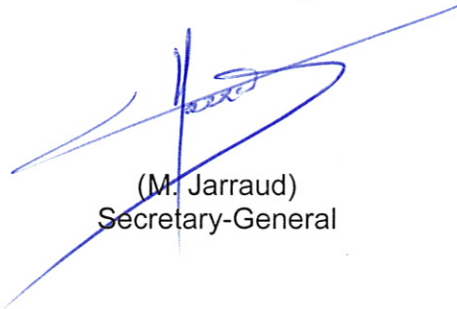
To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6683)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives)
Information and Public Affairs focal points of NMHSs)
Directors, United Nations Information Centres) (for information)
and/or UNDP Resident Coordinators)

As in the past, I would be grateful if you could inform me of the way in which World Meteorological Day 2013 was celebrated in your country and, where possible, if you would provide photographs, press feedback, broadcast-quality film footage or other materials relevant to the celebration.

I wish you every success in the celebration of World Meteorological Day.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Jarraud', is written over a vertical line. The signature is stylized with a large loop and a horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(M. Jarraud)
Secretary-General