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Our ref.: OBS/OSD/AIR/RADAR METADATA

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Subject: Weather Radar Metadata Focal Points and Maintenance Procedures

Action required: To complete and provide contact details (name, postal address, telephone and facsimile and e-mail) of the Focal Point at your earliest possible convenience but no later than **15 March 2013**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to request your assistance and cooperation in the provision of weather radar metadata and the appointment of a Focal Point to be responsible for the maintenance of this metadata on behalf of your organization.

In September 2011, a letter was sent to all Members requesting that they nominate Weather Radar Metadata Focal Points in lieu of the operational implementation of the WMO Radar Database (WRD). The letter is available at:

http://www.wmo.int/edistrib_exped/index.php?dir=grp_prs/_en/2011/2011_09/&download=2011-09-23-OBS-OSD-RADAR-Metadata-Database_111285_en.pdf

Since that time, as a result of the work and leadership of the Turkish State Meteorological Service and their gracious undertaking of its operational administration, the database has become operational and procedures have been developed and finalized for its ongoing maintenance by Members. A webpage on Weather Radar Observations, the WRD and the requirements of Focal Points is now available from the WMO Website at the following URL:

http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/WRO/index_en.html

The link to the WRD, which contains the online procedures for Focal Points for the undertaking of metadata maintenance, is available from that page and directly from:

<http:// wrd.mgm.gov.tr/default.aspx?l=en>

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6687)

cc: Mr Bertrand Calpini, president of CIMO)
Mr Fred Branski, president of CBS)
Mr Stuart Goldstraw, Chair ET-SBO) (for information)
Dr Bai LI, Chair ET-ORS)

Focal points will be provided with login access to the WRD upon nomination. The current list of nominated Focal Points is maintained at:

http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/CBS/Lists_WorkGroups/CBS/opag_ios/fp_wr

There is now an urgent requirement to ensure that this important source of metadata is maintained on an ongoing basis by WMO Members, through the nomination of Focal Points and their undertaking of the routine procedural requirements.

To this end, WMO is requesting that, if your NMHS operates weather radar and if you have not already done so, that you kindly give consideration to the appointment of an appropriate expert from your NMHS that will act as a Focal Point for Weather RADAR Metadata, whom WMO can contact directly regarding the provision of weather RADAR metadata. The Focal Point would be responsible for initial metadata entry and routine maintenance of the database according to the documented procedures. This will not be an onerous or time consuming exercise but will require a level of technical expertise that facilitates an understanding of weather radar metadata.

The complete contact details (name, postal address, telephone and facsimile and e-mail) of the Focal Point should be provided at your earliest possible convenience but no later than **15 March 2013**.

Your assistance and collaboration in this matter is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



(J. Lengoasa)
for the Secretary-General