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SG/DSG/GFCS

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Subject:

First session of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services

Sir/Madam,

To:

I have the honour to refer to my letter ref.: SG/CER/MFA, dated 11 December 2012, informing you of the key decisions taken by the extraordinary session of the World Meteorological Congress held from 29 to 31 October 2012 (Cg-Ext.(2012)) and plans for the first session of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS-I).

In connection with the above, I have the pleasure of informing you that preparations are well underway for IBCS-I, which will be held from 1 to 5 July 2013, at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG).

Contributions have been made to the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) Trust Fund by a few Members to support participation of Least Developed Countries (LDCs). developing countries and countries with economies in transition, as provided in Annex 1 to Resolution 2 and in Resolution 3 (Cg-Ext.(2012)). However, to ensure the widest possible representation from LDCs, developing countries and countries with economies in transition and to meet requirements for the organization of the session (including translation and interpretation). additional contributions to the GFCS Trust Fund would be required.

I should be grateful if in compliance with the above resolutions of Cg-Ext.(2012) your Government would find it possible to make pledges or execute a money transfer to the GFCS Trust Fund to support the IBCS-I.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO-1379)