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Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to my letter WMO-1411, dated 30 September 2014, informing you of the new dates for the holding of the sixteenth session of Regional Association I (Africa) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in the Republic of Cabo Verde, as the result of the escalation of the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) in some countries in West Africa, notably Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone.

In this regard, I wish to inform you that the final dates for the sixteenth session of Regional Association I (Africa) will be from **3 to 9 February 2015**, to be preceded by the Sixteenth Regional Technical Conference from **1 to 2 February 2015**.

I also wish to assure you that WMO is continuously reviewing the situation on EVD and will confirm the venue no 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.

Furthermore, may I invite your attention to that part of Regulation 21 of the WMO General Regulations dealing with the communication of the names of your representatives, which reads as follows:

"Prior to a session of a constituent body other than the Executive Council, each Member should, if possible, communicate to the Secretary-General the names of the persons composing its delegation to that body, indicating which of these shall be regarded as its principal delegate.

Besides this communication, a letter giving these particulars and otherwise conforming with the provisions of the Convention and of these Regulations and signed by, or on behalf of, an appropriate governmental authority of the Member shall be sent to the Secretary-General or handed to his representative at the session..."

In accordance with the first part of this regulation, I should be grateful to receive as soon as possible the names and addresses of the persons nominated as the representatives of your country, with clear indication of head of delegation and alternate head of delegation.

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Members States of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO-1413)

In the event of your country having already nominated experts as members of the Regional Association I (Africa) working groups, it would be an advantage to the work of the session if these members could be included in the delegation of your country.

Regulation 173(a) of the General Regulations accords to all Members the right to propose additional items for the Provisional Agenda, preferably not later than thirty days before the opening of the session. The same regulation requires that explanatory memorandum summarizing the issues to be raised under the additional items should accompany such proposals.

In addition, the Provisional Annotated Agenda for the session will be accessible 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 "Regional Association I (Africa) (RA I)".

All participants who require a valid visa for admission to Cabo Verde should make their application for visas directly to the nearest diplomatic representation of Cabo Verde, together with a copy of the present notification. It is advisable that such applications be made as soon as possible.

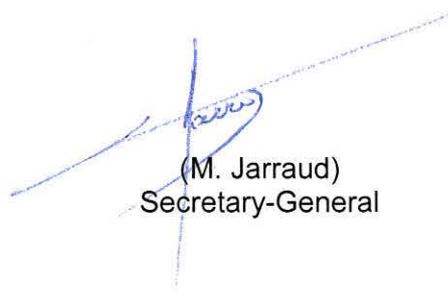
In those cases where there are no diplomatic relations between a Member and Cabo Verde and in other cases where the former considers that some difficulties may be experienced in obtaining visas, a request to Cabo Verde for visas should be submitted through the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, as specified in Annex I to the General Regulations of the Organization. Such requests must contain all the necessary details (name, surname, date and place of birth, father's name, nationality, passport No., date and place of issue, expiry date, profession, place where the visa is to be issued and duration of stay in Cabo Verde) and should be received by the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

However, should the venue be finally held in Geneva, it will be advisable to make your application for visas as soon as possible directly to the Swiss Representation of your country or through the WMO Secretariat, as specified above.

Other documents and information on the material arrangements will be available soon.

A copy of this notification is being sent to the Permanent Representative of your country with WMO.

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



(M. Jarraud)  
Secretary-General