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Dear Sir/Madam,

To mark the International Women's Day on 8 March 2015, I would like to extend my best wishes and sincere gratitude to all female meteorologists, hydrologists and climatologists who contribute daily to making our societies safer, stronger, and more sustainable.

On this occasion, the World Meteorological Organization is launching the Gender and Women's Empowerment website (<http://www.wmo.int/gender>) which features a special section on Women in Weather, Water and Climate. Together with UN partners, we will also offer a Women's Leadership Workshop to interested female delegates of the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress.

This year's theme, "Empowering Women - Empowering Humanity: Picture It!" envisions a world where each woman and girl can exercise her choices, such as studying science, choosing a career in meteorology, conducting research, or participating in policy-making and decision-making.

Let us concert our efforts to fulfil this vision.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Jarraud', written over a light blue horizontal line.

(M. Jarraud)
Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6831)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives