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Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that on 1 January 2016 I started my mandate as Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

I wish to thank all WMO Members for appointing me during the last World Meteorological Congress.

In recent years, under the leadership of Michel Jarraud, WMO has achieved impressive results in delivering WMO priorities in observation, research and operational services. In this respect, I wish also to praise the support of all Members, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and our partner organizations, both inside and outside the United Nations system.

The growing number of hydrometeorological disasters affecting all parts of the world, exacerbated by climate change, makes the role of WMO and its community of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and other operational and research institutions irreplaceable for protecting human life and property. Scientific know-how for climate adaptation and water resource management is also more crucial every day.

I am committed to work for an effective and service-oriented WMO and to strengthen collaborations and partnerships, which are key to our effort to support Members in their path towards sustainable development and the implementation of the Global 2030 Agenda, Disaster Risk Reduction and the Paris Climate Agreement.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'P. Taalas'.

(P. Taalas)
Secretary-General

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO-1426)