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Annex: 1

Subject: Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the President of the World Meteorological Organization, I have the honour to inform you that the Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-18) will be held from 3 to 14 June 2019 at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG). The opening ceremony will take place on 3 June at 10 a.m. The Congress will be preceded by the session of the Financial Advisory Committee (FINAC, 1 and 2 June 2019), open to all WMO Members, which will be held at the WMO headquarters.

Article 7(a) of the Convention of the Organization states that the Congress is the general assembly of delegates representing Members and as such is the supreme body of the Organization. The ordinary sessions of Congress are convened once every four years, when decisions of the highest importance to the Organization are taken. The provisional agenda for the Eighteenth Congress developed by the Executive Council is provided in the annex. Parallel events will be organized and contribute to Congress deliberations, such as a hydrological assembly and public-private dialogue (in conjunction with the World Meteo Expo organized at Palexpo). The widest possible representation of Members of the Organization is therefore highly desirable and it is sincerely hoped that your Government will find it possible to send a delegation to the forthcoming Congress.

Article 7(b) of the Convention states that each Member shall designate one of its delegates, who should be the Director of its Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Service, as its principal delegate. Furthermore, the Executive Council urged Members to include directors/heads of the national Hydrological Services in national delegations to Congress. I should be grateful if in compliance with Regulation 21 of the General Regulations, you would inform me of the names of the persons composing the delegation which will represent your country, and the capacity in which each person will attend.

In due course, all documentation related to Congress will be accessible on the session website: <http://meetings.wmo.int/Cg-18>. Other documents and information on the material arrangements will be accessible as they become available. In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to Regulation 135 of the General Regulations of the Organization, which states that any Member may propose the addition of items to the provisional agenda before the opening of the session, provided that such proposals are accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the World Meteorological Organization

In view of their official status with WMO, Permanent Representatives are kindly invited to act as focal points for the online registration of their delegation to Cg-18. The link to the online Event Registration System (ERS), the username and password that were sent to Permanent Representatives by e-mail remain valid for all upcoming WMO meetings: (<https://eventregistration.wmo.int/register/>).

Please note that the online registration will close on **17 May 2019**. For further information concerning online pre-registration, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat by e-mail at: registration@wmo.int.

Please also note that the submission of information through the online event registration system *does not exempt Members from the need to provide valid credentials* for the participating delegation.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative and Hydrological Adviser of your country with WMO, as well as to Permanent Missions of Member States with WMO to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva; presidents of technical commissions and regional associations.

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

for 
(P. Taalas)
Secretary-General

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

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- 1. AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION**
 - 1.1 Opening of the session
 - 1.2 Approval of the agenda
 - 1.3 Establishment of committees
 - 1.4 Programme of work
 - 1.5 Approval of the minutes
- 2. REPORTS**
 - 2.1 Report by the President of the Organization
 - 2.2 Report by the Secretary-General
 - 2.3 Reports by presidents of regional associations
 - 2.4 Reports by presidents of technical commissions
- 3. STRATEGIC PLAN AND BUDGET 2020-2023**
- 4. GOVERNANCE REVIEW**
- 5. WEATHER, CLIMATE, HYDROLOGICAL AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
 - 5.1 Multi-hazard early warning systems
 - 5.2 Climate information and services
 - 5.3 Hydrological services and support of sustainable water management
 - 5.4 Weather information and services
 - 5.5 Integrated weather, climate, hydrological and environmental services
- 6. EARTH SYSTEM OBSERVATIONS AND PREDICTIONS**
 - 6.1 WMO Integrated Global Observing System
 - 6.2 WMO Information System
 - 6.3 WMO Global Data Processing and Forecasting System
- 7. EARTH SYSTEM RESEARCH**
 - 7.1 Scientific knowledge of the Earth system
 - 7.2 Science for service and predictive capabilities
 - 7.3 Science for policy
- 8. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT**
 - 8.1 Capability to provide and utilize essential services
 - 8.2 Core competences and expertise
 - 8.3 Development partnerships for investment

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9. POLICY AND LEGAL MATTERS

- 9.1 Questions concerning the Convention
- 9.2 Membership of the Organization
- 9.3 Amendments to the General, Technical, Financial and Staff Regulations
- 9.4 Policy matters
- 9.5 Gender equality
- 9.6 Review of previous resolutions of Congress

10. ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- 10.1 Appointment of the Secretary-General
- 10.2 Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization
- 10.3 Election of members of the Executive Council

11. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT CONGRESS

12. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION
