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5 March 2019

Annex: 1

Subject: Elections and Appointments at the Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress,
3 to 14 June 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to advise you of the elections and appointments that will take place during the Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-18), which will be held from 3 to 14 June 2019.

Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the World Meteorological Organization

The terms of office of the President and Vice-Presidents of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will expire on 14 June 2019. In accordance with Article 8 of the Convention of the Organization, the Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress will be required to elect the President and the three Vice-Presidents of the Organization, with effect from 15 June 2019, immediately after closure of the Congress.

Under Article 4 of the WMO Convention, there shall be a President and three Vice-Presidents of the Organization who shall also be President and Vice-Presidents of Congress and of the Executive Council. The procedures governing the election of the President and the three Vice-Presidents are set down in Regulations 81 to 84, 87, and 89 to 90 of the General Regulations of WMO as contained in the publication *Basic Documents No. 1 (WMO-No. 15), 2015 edition*.

According to Regulation 27 of the General Regulations, in Congress, the Nomination Committee shall prepare and submit to the body a list of nominees for each office for which an election is to be held. It shall be the role of the Secretariat to provide the Nomination Committee with all relevant information pertaining to the eligibility of the candidates.

In this respect, you are encouraged to inform the Secretary General in advance if you intend to submit the name of the person who has been designated by your government as Director of your Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services for the purpose of the Convention, as a candidate for the presidency or a vice-presidency of the World Meteorological Organization. Noting that nominations can be received from the floor up to the last minute just before the election, advanced information would however ease the work of the Nomination Committee and could be provided in writing, including a curriculum vitae with appropriate details on the candidate's relevant background and a photo, under confidential cover to **the Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization, Case Postale 2300, CH-1211 Genève 2, Switzerland**. Submissions may also be made by e-mail to: sgomm@wmo.int.

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

Any nomination received prior to Congress, once verified by the Secretariat, will be posted on the WMO website, together with a photo and biographical information provided by the candidate. Details regarding the duties and terms of office of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization may also be found on the WMO website at: <https://public.wmo.int/en/about-us/governance/congress-election-process/president-and-vice-presidents>.

Election of members of the Executive Council

The terms of office of the members of the Executive Council of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will expire on 14 June 2019. In accordance with Article 13 of the WMO Convention, the Eighteenth Meteorological Congress will be required to elect twenty-seven Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services of Members of the Organization, with effect from 15 June 2019. Regulation 17 of the General Regulations further clarifies the distribution of seats in the Executive Council as follows: Region I (Africa): 9; Region II (Asia): 6; Region III (South America): 4; Region IV (North America, Central America and the Caribbean): 5, Region V (South-West Pacific): 4 and Region VI (Europe): 9.

The procedures governing the election of members of the Executive Council are set down in Regulation 86 and 88 of the General Regulations, which are contained in the above-mentioned Basic Documents No. 1 publication.

As outlined above in the nomination process for the President and Vice-Presidents, the Nomination Committee shall prepare and submit to the body a list of nominees for each office or place for which an election is to be held. It shall be the role of the Secretariat to provide the Nomination Committee with all relevant information pertaining to the eligibility of the candidates.

In this respect, you are encouraged to inform the Secretariat in advance if you intend to submit the name of the person who has been designated by your government as Director of your Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services for the purpose of the Convention, as a candidate for a seat on the Executive Council of the World Meteorological Organization. Noting that nominations can be received from the floor up to the last minute just before the election, advanced information would however ease the work of the Nomination Committee and could be provided in writing, including a curriculum vitae with appropriate details on the candidate's relevant background and a photo, under confidential cover to the **Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization, Case Postale 2300, CH-1211 Genève 2, Switzerland**. Submissions may also be made by e-mail to: sgomm@wmo.int.

Details regarding the election of members of the Executive Council may be found on the WMO website at: <https://public.wmo.int/en/about-us/governance/congress-election-process>.

Election of presidents and vice-presidents of Technical Commissions

Through [Recommendation 25 \(EC-70\)](#) regarding WMO Technical Commissions and other bodies, the Executive Council recommended to Congress, the establishment of two technical commissions: Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (COIIS) and Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (CSA) for the nineteenth financial period 2020-2023 and the dissolution of the current eight technical commissions, following the completion of the transition period of the new structures.

In this respect, the Council further recommended that, in accordance with the final paragraph of Article 8 of the Convention, the president of each new commission and the vice-presidents will be elected by Congress, from amongst current presidents and vice-presidents of technical commissions (attached in the Annex) as a one-time measure aimed at expediting the transition to the new structure of the Commissions.

Based on the Recommendation of the Executive Council as outlined above, there will be elections at Congress for the presidents and vice-presidents of the technical commissions. Members should be prepared to either support the recommendations from EC-70 or to nominate and elect officers of the Commissions in accordance with the competencies indicated in the Terms of Reference in the [Annex to the draft Congress Resolution 4\(4\)/1](#) contained in document 4(4) posted on the Congress website.

Should Members wish to nominate persons for the post of president or vice-president of technical commissions, you are encouraged to submit nominations in advance in writing, including a curriculum vitae with appropriate details on the candidate's relevant background and a photo, under confidential cover to the **Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization, Case Postale 2300, CH-1211 Genève 2, Switzerland**. Submissions may also be made by e-mail to: sgomm@wmo.int.

Details regarding the election of presidents and vice-presidents of technical commissions may be found on the WMO website at: <https://public.wmo.int/en/governance-reform/election-new-technical-commissions>.

Appointment of the Secretary-General

Under Article 22(a) of the WMO Convention, the Secretary-General is responsible to the President of the Organization for the technical and administrative work of the WMO Secretariat. The rules governing the appointment and tenure of the Secretary-General, the duties of the Secretary-General and the functions of the Secretariat are set down in the Convention, General Regulations, Financial Regulations and Staff Regulations of WMO which are contained in the above-mentioned Basic Documents No. 1 publication.

In accordance with past practice, I wish to invite Members of WMO to nominate suitably qualified candidates for this post for submission to the Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress. Noting that nominations can be received from the floor up to the last minute just before the election, advanced information would however ease the work of the Nomination Committee and could be provided in writing. Nominations, including a curriculum vitae and appropriate details on the candidate's relevant background, should be marked '**Confidential SG Appointment**' and addressed to:

Mr. David Grimes
President of WMO
c/o WMO Secretariat
P.O. Box 2300
CH-1211 Geneva 2
Switzerland

Submissions may also be made by e-mail to: dgrimes@wmo.int and should be received before **3 June 2019**.

Any nomination received prior to Congress, once verified by the Secretariat, will be posted on the WMO website, together with a photo and biographical information provided by the candidate. Full details regarding the process of the appointment of the Secretary-General may be found on the WMO website at: <https://public.wmo.int/en/about-us/governance/congress-election-process/appointment-secretary-general>.

In keeping with the Organization's Gender Equality Policy as based on [Resolution 59 \(Cg-17\)](#) on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, nominations of female candidates for all governance positions are actively encouraged.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative of your country with the World Meteorological Organization as well as Permanent Missions of your country in Geneva.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'D' and 'G' followed by a long horizontal line.

(D. Grimes)
President of WMO

Presidents and Vice-Presidents of WMO Technical Commissions

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Commission for Agricultural Meteorology (CAgM)

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| 3. | President: Roger STONE | <i>Australia</i> |
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Commission for Atmospheric Sciences (CAS)

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Joint WMO-IOC Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM)

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| 15. | Co-President (for Oceanography)
Nadia PINARDI | <i>(Ms) Italy</i> |
| 16. | Co-President (for Meteorology)
Johan STANDER | <i>South Africa</i> |
