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Exeter, United Kingdom, 2-4 December 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that the Executive Council at its seventieth session (EC-70), through Decision 12 (EC-70), approved the organization of a symposium in 2019 for Members to exchange experiences on Impact-based Forecast and Warning Services (IBFWS), and to collect Members' experiences with IBFWS.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that at the kind invitation of the Government of the United Kingdom, a Symposium on Impact-based Forecast and Warning Services has been organized to be held in Exeter, United Kingdom, from 2 to 4 December 2019. The documentation and presentations of the Symposium will be in English only.

The Symposium will focus on experiences gained by Members in the development of IBFWS and its users, with a view of collecting and publishing examples of best practice and to use these as an adjunct to *WMO Guidelines on Multi-hazard Impact-based Forecast and Warning Services* (WMO-No. 1150), among other issues.

While participation of Members is encouraged, please note that given the very limited funding for the Symposium, priority will be given to participants involved in implementing IBFWS in their respective countries to share their experience.

The programme and other information regarding this event will be posted on the following site in due course:
<https://public.wmo.int/en/events/meetings/symposium-impact-based-forecast-and-warning-services-ibfws>.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to WMO Programmes and activities of WMO.

Yours faithfully,

(W. Zhang)

for the Secretary-General

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