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Subject: Survey on the use of the *Guide to Instruments and Methods of Observation* (WMO-No. 8)Action required: (1) To widely disseminate this information among institutions/experts in your country who might be familiar with the Guide.  
(2) To provide feedback by filling out the survey on the use of the *Guide to Instruments and Methods of Observation* (WMO-No. 8), by **15 December 2020**.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that in support of the mission of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), which includes, inter alia, promoting the standardization of meteorological and related observations and ensuring the uniform publication of observations and statistics, as outlined in Article 2 of the WMO Convention, I have been constantly working on improving the availability and accessibility of the WMO regulatory and guidance publications.

One of these publications is the *Guide to Instruments and Methods of Observation* (WMO-No. 8). Since its first issue in 1950, the guide has evolved into a publication now comprising five volumes and forty chapters, and it represents the authoritative reference for all matters related to instrumentation and methods of observation in the context of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System. The guide is used as an essential source of information by National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, manufacturers of measuring instruments and related equipment and many other organizations and institutions.

Following the request of the World Meteorological Congress, the guide is updated on a regular basis. Nevertheless, I would like to hear from you on how the content of the guide, its availability and accessibility suit your needs, and how it could be improved to make it as useful as possible.

In this regard, I am conducting a survey on the use of the *Guide to Instruments and Methods of Observation* (WMO-No. 8) which is available at: <https://webropol.com/s/WMO-No-8>.

I should be grateful if you could provide us with your valuable feedback, by completing the survey at your earliest convenience, but not later than **15 December 2020**.

I would also like to urge you to disseminate this information widely among institutions/experts in your country who might be familiar with the guide, encouraging them to provide their feedback by filling out the survey.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers  
Technical Coordination Committee members

I wish to take the opportunity to convey to you and your service my appreciation for your continued contribution to the activities of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System and the Instruments and Methods of Observation Programme, in particular.

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General