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Annex: 1

The Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and has the honour to refer to WMO *Technical Regulations* (WMO-No. 49), Volumes I and III.

The Secretariat has the further honour to request the kind assistance of the Permanent Missions in the transmission of the attached letter from the Secretary-General, Professor Celeste Saulo, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The WMO Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.



23 September 2026

To: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva



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Subject: Invitation to Members: Consultation ahead of the fourth session of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Hydrological, Marine and Related Environmental Services and Applications and the fourth session of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems – WMO *Technical Regulations* (WMO-No. 49), Volumes I and III

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the letter 6761745/2026/HRCS/CNFT/SERCOM-4, dated 19 June 2026, regarding the fourth session of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Hydrological, Marine and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM-4), to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on 19–20 and 22–23 October 2026, with the possibility of online participation.

I have the further honour to refer to the letter 6771665/2026/HRCS/CNFT/INFCOM-4, dated 24 July 2026, regarding the fourth session of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM-4), to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 23 to 27 November 2026, with the possibility of online participation.

In preparation for SERCOM-4 and INFCOM-4, a virtual consultation will be organized on the WMO *Technical Regulations* (WMO-No. 49), **Volumes I – General Meteorological Standards and Recommended Practices, and III – Hydrology**, to provide Members and delegates with an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the relevant regulatory matters to be considered by the Commissions. The consultation will provide an overview of the relevant provisions and proposed updates to the technical regulations, as applicable, and will offer Members an opportunity to provide initial feedback.

It is my pleasure to invite you to the consultation which will be held via Zoom on **5 October 2026** and will be open to anyone without registration. It is intended to support Members in preparing for the discussions at SERCOM-4 and INFCOM-4, facilitate a common understanding of the technical and regulatory matters under consideration, and enable well-informed contributions to the Commissions discussions and decision-making. The sessions will be conducted in English, with interpretation provided in all United Nations languages.

To accommodate Members across different time zones, two virtual consultation sessions will be offered, both of which will be recorded:

Eastern Hemisphere: 1000–1200 (CEST)/ 0800–1000 (UTC)
Interpretation: Arabic, Chinese, French and Russian.

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Members of the World Meteorological Organization

cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva
Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO
Hydrological Advisers

Western Hemisphere: 1500–1700 (CEST)/ 1300–1500 (UTC)
*Interpretation: **Arabic, French and Spanish.***

The same Zoom link, which can be found on the [Pre-SERCOM-4 Information Sessions](#) and [Pre-INFCOM-4 Information Sessions](#) pages, may be used to connect to either session.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Prof. Celeste Saulo', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General