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Subject: Election by correspondence for vice-president of Regional Association II (RA II)

Action required: Nomination of candidates for vice-president of RA II by **25 May 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

It should be recalled that following the election of Dr Abdulla Al Mandous to the post of President of WMO, the position of president of Regional Association II (Asia) was assigned on an acting basis to Professor Dr Tran Hong Thai, former Administrator, Viet Nam Meteorological and Hydrological Service (VNMHA).

In October 2023, Professor Thai, relinquished the position of acting president. Consequently, pursuant to [General Regulation 15\(a\)](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), elections by correspondence were held in which Mr Abdullah Al Khadouri was elected to the position of president of the association.

As a result, in order to fill the position of vice-president of the association, elections shall take place in accordance with [General Regulation 15\(c\)](#). The president has requested the Secretariat to proceed with these elections by correspondence.

The purpose of this letter is to invite nominations for candidates to the office of vice-president, in compliance with [General Regulation 74](#) which stipulates the following:

When it is decided to hold elections by correspondence, the Secretary-General shall invite those entitled to vote to nominate in advance eligible candidates for the office or place to be filled. The president who requested the election shall decide on the duration of the period, which shall not be less than 30 days, during which nominations of candidates will be received.

In the determination of those who are entitled to vote and make nominations, the following provisions of the General Regulations, as well as decisions of Congress should be taken into account:

- (a) [Regulation 135 \(a\)](#) prescribes that the president and vice-president of an Association shall be Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services of Members of the Organization belonging to the Region. At the same time, [Regulation 112](#) stipulates that a Member, which belongs to more than one regional association shall, for the purposes of [Article 13](#) of the Convention, normally be regarded as coming from the Region in which the headquarters of its Meteorological Service is located;

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cc: Hydrological Advisers

- (b) [Regulation 7](#) stipulates that 'Except as provided by [Article 4\(b\)](#) of the Convention, no person shall be entitled to act at the same time as president or vice-president of more than one of the constituent bodies, or as president of a constituent body and an elected member of the Executive Council';
- (c) By its [Resolution 37 \(Cg-XI\)](#), the eleventh Congress decided, inter alia, that nationals or representatives of a Member in arrears for more than two consecutive calendar years shall *not* be eligible for nomination for elective offices of constituent bodies.

To assist the Members in nominating candidates, I enclose a list of eligible Directors of the Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services as of the date of this letter according to the information available in the Secretariat ([annex](#)).

After receiving nominations, I shall obtain confirmation of the nominees' availability, in accordance with [General Regulation 75](#). This regulation further provides that when the list of candidates only contains one name, this candidate shall be declared elected.

In accordance with [General Regulation 74](#), the president of RA II has decided that a period of 30 days shall be allowed for the receipt of nominations. I should be grateful if you would send me any nomination you wish to make for the office of the president of RA II, as soon as possible, and in any case not later than **25 May 2024**.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

**LIST OF DIRECTORS OF THE METEOROLOGICAL OR HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES*
OF MEMBERS OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATION II (ASIA)
ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF RA II
(NOT INCLUDING DR A. A. AL MANDOUS-PRESIDENT OF WMO***,
DR M. MOHAPATRA-THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT OF WMO***, MR A.R.N AL KHADOURI, PRESIDENT OF
RA II, OR PROF. CHAN PAK WEI, CO-VICE-PRESIDENT OF INFCOM***))**

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Bahrain	Mr Khaled Sayed Hussain YASEEN
Bangladesh	Mr Md. Azizur RAHMAN
Bhutan	Mr Karma DUPCHU
China	Dr CHEN, Zhenlin**
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Mr KIM, Jae Hyok
Iraq	Mr Abdul Adheem AL-SAEDI
Japan	Mr Takashi, MORI**
Kazakhstan	Ms Danara ALIMBAYEVA
Kuwait	Mr Abdulaziz M. ALQARAWI
Kyrgyzstan	Mr Nurtemir Zulumovich MURZABEKOV
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Ms Outhone PHETLUANGSY
Macao, China	Mr LEONG, Weng Kun
Mongolia	Dr Oyunjargal LAMJAV
Pakistan	Mr Sahibzad KHAN
Qatar	Mr Abdulla Mohamed A. AL-MANNAI
Republic of Korea	Dr YOO, Hee-Dong**
Saudi Arabia	Dr Ayman Salem GHULAM
Sri Lanka	Mr Athula Kumara KARUNANAYAKE
Tajikistan	Mr Abdullo Habibullo QURBONZODA
Thailand	Ms Kornrawee SITTHICHIVAPAK
Turkmenistan	Mr Begench Rozyyevich MIMINOV
Uzbekistan	Mr Sherzod KHABIBULLAEV

*Director of a Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Service of a Member is defined by the General Regulations (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)) as: "the Director/Head of a Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Service of the Member who has been designated as the Permanent Representative of that Member, or alternatively, the Director/Head of a Service of a Member responsible at the national level for meteorology or for meteorology and operational hydrology specially designated by this Member for the purposes of the Convention and the General Regulations".

** These individuals have been elected as members/acting members of the Executive Council.

*** As Dr A. A. Al Mandous and Dr M. Mohapatra are serving in the roles of President of WMO and Third Vice-President of WMO respectively, Mr A.R.N. Al Khadouri is president of the Association and Prof. CHAN Pak wai is a co-vice-president of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM), then by virtue of Regulation 7, they are deemed ineligible to stand as vice-president of the association.