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Subject: Final Report of the Second Meeting of the Coordinating Group of the RA II Pilot Project to Develop Support for National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in Satellite Data, Products and Training, Jeju, Republic of Korea, 8 October 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

At its fourteenth session held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan in December 2008, Regional Association II (Asia) established the “Pilot Project to Develop Support for National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in Satellite Data, Products and Training” aiming at developing a consortium comprising satellite information providers to support NMHSs in the reception and use of satellite data and products, including application products, helpful to NMHSs and suited to the circumstances of the developing countries in Region II with particular emphasis on least developed countries.

The Pilot Project has carried out: (a) issuance of quarterly newsletters for RA II Members; (b) establishment of Pilot Project web pages on the WMO Space Programme Website (http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/sat/ra2pilotproject-intro_en.php); (c) establishment of the Pilot Project portal site for accessing satellite imagery, data and products as well as training on the web page (http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/sat/ra2pilotproject-links_en.php); (d) identification of requirements of RA II Members through the newly introduced web-based survey system; and (e) operation of the on-site “Training Program” of satellite data processing, utilization and application as part of the Virtual Laboratory (VLab).

At the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Korea, the second meeting of the Coordinating Group of the Pilot Project was held in Jeju on 8 October 2012 to review the achievements since its first meeting (Tokyo, Japan, February 2011) and discuss the work plan toward 2013. In this connection, I have pleasure in informing you that the documents and the presentations delivered at the meeting and the final report of the meeting are available at the WMO Website at: <http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/dra/rap/meetingsRAII.php>. The report covers the achievements of the Pilot Project, current status of satellite operators and NMHSs, and a number of actions to be taken by the Co-coordinators (Japan and Republic of Korea) and members of the Coordinating Group of the Pilot Project, and the satellite operators.

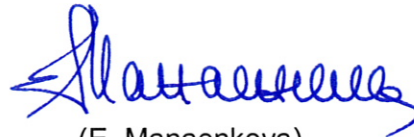
To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association II (ASE-621)

cc: President and vice-president of RA II)
Participants of the meeting) (for information)

At the fifteenth session of RA II held in Doha, Qatar in December 2012, it was decided that the project will be implemented within the framework of the Regional WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS) Implementation Plan for RA II (R-WIP-II). Certificates were awarded to the two Co-coordinators for their dedicated services for the implementation of the Pilot Project.

In this regard, your kind attention to the report and Websites mentioned above and your actions, as appropriate, will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General