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Subject: RA II and RA V Survey on the Use of Satellite Data 2018

Action required: To complete the survey by **31 January 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am soliciting your response to the "Regional Association II (RA II) and Regional Association V (RA V) Survey on the Use of Satellite Data 2018", designed to collect up-to-date information on WMO Members' capabilities and needs regarding the use of satellite data in meteorological, climate, water and related environmental applications.

The survey has been prepared by the Coordinating Group of the RA II World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS) Project to Develop Support for National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in Satellite Data, Products and Training¹ and the RA V Task Team on Satellite Utilization² for the NMHSs located in the RA II and RA V and is available in English under the following link:

<https://goo.gl/forms>

Your responses will help identify challenges and possible solutions in the use of satellite data and will help bridge the gaps between the increasing amount of satellite data available, and the need for improved and easy access to those data and to related products, tools, derived information, and user training.

The information collected through the Survey will be used to inform meteorological satellite agencies about user needs and priorities in the regions and will help the WMO Space Programme³ respond effectively to satellite-specific needs.

The Survey is targeted at National Meteorological and Hydrological Services of the WMO Member states and territories, as well as other satellite users worldwide involved in meteorology, climate, hydrology and related environmental applications.

WMO would be very grateful for its broad circulation to organizations which use or plan to use satellite data. The Coordinating Group is ready to accept multiple responses per country, and I therefore encourage you to circulate the announcement of this Survey to major user organizations in your country.

¹ See http://www.jma.go.jp/jma/jma-eng/satellite/ra2wigosproject/ra2wigosproject-intro_en_jma.html

² See <http://www.virtuallab.bom.gov.au/portal/ttsu/>

³ See http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/sat/index_en.php

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO in Regions II and V

If you have any questions or require any clarifications regarding the content of the survey, please contact Mr Toshiharu Izumi and Mr Hiroshi Kunimatsu (toshiharu-izumi@met.kishou.go.jp, kunimatu@met.kishou.go.jp and metsat@met.kishou.go.jp) from the Satellite Programme Division of Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), who will act as focal points for the Survey on behalf of the Coordinating Group.

The Coordinating Group of the RA II WIGOS Project and the RA V Task Team look forward to receiving the completed survey by **31 January 2019**.

Your participation in this important survey is greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Zhang', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

(W. Zhang)

for the Secretary-General