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6 August 2025

Annex: 1

Subject: Election by correspondence of the vice-president of  
Regional Association III (RA III)

Action required: Nomination of candidates for vice-president of RA III  
by **5 September 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to my letter referenced 03674/2025/CSG/EXR/Acting PRA III dated 16 April 2025 informing you of the new acting president of Regional Association III (South America), Lic. Eduardo José Mingo Vega. As a result of Lic. Mingo Vega's assumption of acting president, pursuant to [General Regulation 11](#) of the General Regulations (Basic Documents No. 1 (WMO-No. 15)), the post of vice-president is vacant.

In order to fill the position of vice-president of RA III, elections shall take place in accordance with [General Regulation 15\(c\)](#). The acting 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:

- (1) [General 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, [General 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;

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association III with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers of Members of Regional Association III with WMO

- (2) [General 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;

- (3) 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 acting president of RA III 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 vice-president of RA III, as soon as possible, and in any case not later than **5 September 2025**.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Celeste Saulo  
Secretary-General

**LIST OF DIRECTORS OF THE METEOROLOGICAL OR HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES\* OF MEMBERS OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATION III (SOUTH AMERICA) ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF RA III (not including Lic. Eduardo José Mingo Vega\*\*\*)**

<i>Member</i>	<i>Name of Director</i>
Argentina	Lic. Antonio José MAUAD**
Brazil	Mr Luis Fernando MAGNANI DE OLIVEIRA**
Chile	Mr Reinaldo GUTIERREZ CISTERNA
Colombia	Dr Ghislaine ECHEVERRY PRIETO
Ecuador	Mr Bolivar Andrés ERAZO MALDONADO
Guyana	Dr Garvin CUMMINGS**
Peru	Her Excellency Ms Raquel Hillianova SOTO TORRES
Uruguay	Prof. Madeleine RENOM

\*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".

\*\*This individual has been elected as a member of the Executive Council.

\*\*\*As Lic. Eduardo José Mingo Vega is serving in the role as acting president of RA III, by virtue of [General Regulation 7](#), he is deemed ineligible to stand as vice-president of RA III.