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Annex: 1

Subject: Election by correspondence of vice-president of Regional Association III

Action required: Nomination of candidates for vice-president of Regional Association III by
2 November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, following the departure of Eng. Raúl Enrique Rodas Franco, former Director, Dirección de Meteorología e Hidrología - DINAC and Permanent Representative of Paraguay with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the position of vice-president of Regional Association III (South America) became vacant in accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 9](#) (*Basic Documents No.1* (WMO-No. 15)).

The president of Regional Association III, Col. Pablo Cabrera has requested the Secretariat to proceed with an election by correspondence to fill this vacant seat in accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 15 \(c\)](#) (*Basic Documents No.1* (WMO-No. 15)).

The purpose of this letter is to invite nominations for candidates to the office of vice-president, in compliance with [General Regulation 74](#) (*Basic Documents No.1* (WMO-No. 15)) 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 thirty 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](#) (*Basic Documents No.1* (WMO-No. 15)), as well as decisions of Congress should be taken into account:

- (a) [General regulation 135 \(a\)](#) which 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, as specified by Regulation 112”. In this connection, [General regulation 112](#) stipulates that:

A Member, which belongs to more than one [regional] association shall, for the purposes of [Article 13](#) of the [WMO] Convention, normally be regarded as coming from the Region in which the headquarters of its Meteorological Service is located;

- (b) [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;

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association III (South America)

cc: Hydrological Advisers of Regional Association III

- (c) By its [Resolution 37 \(Cg-XI\)](#) – Suspension of Members for failure to meet financial obligations, 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 or renomination 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 the nominations, I shall obtain confirmation of the nominees' eligibility and availability, in accordance with [General Regulation 75](#) (*Basic Documents No.1* (WMO-No. 15)). 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](#) (*Basic Documents No.1* (WMO-No. 15)), the president of Regional Association 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 Regional Association III, as soon as possible, and in any case not later than **2 November 2023**.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Petteri Taalas
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 REGIONAL ASSOCIATION III (NOT INCLUDING COL. PABLO CARBRERA, PRESIDENT OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATION III*, OR PROF. A. CELESTE SAULO, SECRETARY-GENERAL-ELECT OF WMO)**

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Member	Name of Director
Brazil	Mr Naur Teodoro PONTES
Chile	Mr Reinaldo GUTIERREZ CISTERNA
Colombia	Ms Ghislane ECHEVERRY PRIETO
Ecuador	Mr Bolivar Andrés ERAZO MALDONADO
Guyana	Dr Garvin CUMMINGS**
Paraguay	Lic. Eduardo José MINGO VEGA
Peru	Ing. Gabriela Teófila ROSAS BENANCIO

* 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.

** Dr Garvin Cummings has been elected as member of the Executive Council.

*** As Col. Pablo Cabrera is serving as president of Regional Association III, by virtue of General Regulation 7 (*Basic Documents No.1* (WMO-No. 15)), he is deemed ineligible to stand as vice-president of Regional Association III.