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GENEVA, 2 August 2012

Subject: Requests for financial support from VCP to attend the US International Training Desks training

Action required: For information and appropriate action, as necessary

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you regarding requests for financial assistance related to airfare support for the attendance to US International Training Desks.

WMO recognizes the very important contribution the United States makes to Regions III and IV through provision of the International Training Desks. As you are aware, the expectation of the United States in offering these training opportunities is that the recipient countries will fund the two way airfare as one measure of their commitment to and engagement in the programme. If you are not confident that your service will be able to fund the two way airfare, it is recommended that you note this on the original application form. Loss of a placement not only affects the person and the NMHS, it can also disrupt the entire programme for some time.

If your service is unable to fund the two way travel, you are advised to work within your government and donor systems to identify the necessary funding support. You can contact WMO as part of this resource mobilization initiative regarding the possibility of WMO assisting with travel costs. However, you need to be aware that if you are not in the target group for VCP assistance, WMO will not be able to assist. Consequently any assistance will also need to be reported at the annual VCP Informal Planning Meeting (IPM) discussions.

I thank you for the ongoing cooperation between your Government and WMO.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. Lengoasa', is written over a thin horizontal line.

(J. Lengoasa)
for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Associations III and IV (limited distribution)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives (Regional Associations III & IV)