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Subject: Launch of the demonstration phase by the United States Regional Climate Centre for designation as a WMO Regional Climate Centre.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that, as part of the process for formal designation of WMO Regional Climate Centres (RCCs) and as formally communicated by the Permanent Representative of the United States of America with WMO, the United States Regional Climate Centre (USRCC) has launched its demonstration phase on 1 August 2018, following approval by the President of Regional Association IV (RA IV). USRCC will carry out its operations as a WMO RCC to provide all the mandatory products and services covering the entire RA IV domain, in collaboration with United States based operational and research centres, primarily within the National Atmospheric and Oceanic Administration (NOAA), and with support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The official website of the USRCC can be accessed at <http://usregionalclimatecenter.noaa.gov>, which will be further developed and refined based on the feedback from and consultations with the relevant stakeholders.

Performing a successful demonstration phase is an important step in the procedure for formal designation of a WMO RCC candidate. During the demonstration phase the USRCC will work closely with the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in the region to refine its products and services. In this process, the USRCC will also liaise with the Commission for Climatology (CCI), Commission for Basic Systems (CBS) which provide the technical guidance required for the establishment and operation of RCCs and the RA IV Task Team on Global Framework for Climate Services (TT-GFCS), which is mandated, inter alia, to assist the President of RA IV on matters related to RCC implementation.

I encourage NMHSs of RA IV Members to: (i) regularly access and apply the products and services of the USRCC in support of improved climate services at the national level, (ii) actively support the generation of RCC products and services by sharing national data, products and expertise and (iii) provide feedback in order to help further refine its products and services.

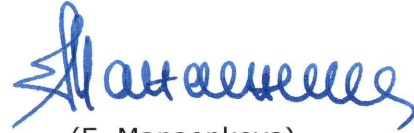
To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of RA IV Members of WMO
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I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued cooperation and support to the WMO Programmes and activities.

Yours faithfully,



(E. Manaenkova)
for the Secretary-General