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Dear Sir/Madam,

I have recently been informed of the departure of Mr David Hirasia as Director of the Solomon Islands Meteorological Service and by extension, of his relinquishment of the position of acting president of Regional Association V (South-West Pacific).

This situation has invoked the application of the provisions of [General Regulation 11](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), concerning the actions to be taken if a president of an association is not able or eligible to carry out the functions of that office.

Consequently, the vice-president of the association, Mr Laitia Fifita, Director of Tonga Meteorological Services and Permanent Representative of Tonga with WMO has assumed the responsibility of acting president of RA V. In this position, the vice-president acting as president, shall have the same powers and duties of the president.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Celeste Saulo  
Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association V (South-West Pacific)  
cc: Acting president of Regional Association V (South-West Pacific)  
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