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Annex: 1

Subject: Election of vice-president of Regional Association V

Action required: Nomination of candidates for vice-president of RA V by **11 December 2020**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that Mr Taula Katea, Director of Tuvalu Meteorological Service and Permanent Representative of Tuvalu with WMO, has vacated the office of the position of vice-president of Regional Association V (South-West Pacific).

In this respect, the president of Regional Association V, Mr `Ofa Fa`anunu has requested the Secretariat to proceed with the elections by correspondence in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 15 (c) of the General Regulations as provided in *Basic Documents No. 1, 2019 edition, (WMO-No. 15)*.

The purpose of this letter is therefore to invite nominations for candidates to the office of vice-president in compliance with Regulation 74 of the General Regulations, 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, as well as decisions of Congress should be taken into account:

- (a) 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, as specified by Regulation 112. In this connection, 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;

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cc: President of RA V

- (b) 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'; and
- (c) By its [Resolution 37 \(Cg-XI\)](#) - Suspension of Members for failure to meet financial obligations, the Eleventh World Meteorological 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 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 Regulation 74, the president of RA V 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 V, as soon as possible and not later than **11 December 2020**.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Petteri Taalas  
Secretary-General

**LIST OF DIRECTORS OF THE METEOROLOGICAL OR HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICES\* OF MEMBERS OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATION V (SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC) ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF RA V**

(NOT INCLUDING MR 'OFA FA'ANUNU, PRESIDENT OF RA V,  
OR MR TAUALA KATEA, FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF RA V,  
FURTHER TO HIS RESIGNATION OF POST)

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| Member                          | Name                         |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Australia                       | Dr Andrew JOHNSON**          |
| Brunei Darussalam               | Mr Muhamad Husaini bin AJI   |
| Cook Islands                    | Mr Arona NGARI               |
| Fiji                            | Mr Misaeli Mavoa FUNAKI      |
| Indonesia                       | Prof. Dwikorita KARNAWATI**  |
| Kiribati                        | Mr Ueneta TOORUA             |
| Malaysia                        | Mr Jailan SIMON              |
| Micronesia, Federated States of | Mr Johannes BERDON           |
| Nauru                           | Mr Roy HARRIS                |
| New Zealand                     | Mr Norm HENRY                |
| Niue                            | Ms Roslynn PULEHETOA-MITIEPO |
| Papua New Guinea                | Mr Kevin LUANA               |
| Philippines                     | Dr Vicente B. MALANO         |
| Samoa                           | Ms Peseta Noumea SIMI        |
| Singapore                       | Ms WONG, Chin Ling**         |
| Solomon Islands                 | Mr Chanel IROI               |
| Vanuatu                         | Ms Esline GARAEBITI          |

\* The Director of a Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Service of a Member, is defined by the General Regulations (*Basic Documents No. 1 2019 edition* (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 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".

\*\* These individuals have been elected as members of the Executive Council.