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Annex: 1

Subject: Election by correspondence of vice-president of Regional Association V (RA V)

Action required: Nomination of candidates for vice-president of RA V by **4 January 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you of the resignation of Mr Terry Atalifo, Acting Director and Permanent Representative of Fiji with WMO, from the post of vice-president of Regional Association V (South-West Pacific) (RA V). This has resulted in the vacancy of the position of vice-president of the Regional Association, in accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 9](#), as provided in *Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15).

The president of RA V, Mr 'Ofa Fa'anunu 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 the vice-president, in compliance with [General Regulation 74](#) 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 30 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) [General 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. At the same time, [General 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;
- (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 V (South-West Pacific)

cc: Hydrological Advisers

- (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 (see [annex](#)).

After receiving nominations, I shall obtain confirmation of the nominees' 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 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 but no later than **4 January 2024**.

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\*\*\*)**

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Member	Name of Director
Australia	Dr Andrew JOHNSON**
Brunei Darussalam	Ms Dayang Rokiah HAJI ANGAS
Cook Islands	Mr Arona NGARI
Fiji	Mr Bipendra Prakash
Indonesia	Prof. Dwikorita KARNAWATI**
Kiribati	Mr Ueneta TOORUA
Malaysia	Mr Muhammad Helmi ABDULLAH
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Mr Johannes BERDON
Nauru	Mr Roy HARRIS
New Zealand	Mr Stephen HUNT
Niue	Ms Rossylynn PULEHETOA-MITIEPO
Philippines	Dr Nathaniel SERVANDO
Samoa	Ms Peseta Noumea SIMI
Singapore	Ms WONG, Chin Ling**
Solomon Islands	Mr David HIRIASIA
Tuvalu	Mr Tauala KATEA
Vanuatu	Ms Esline GARAEBITI

\* 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.

\*\* This individual has been elected as member of the Executive Council.

\*\*\* As Mr `Ofa Fa`anunu is serving in the role as president of RA V, by virtue of [General Regulation 7](#), (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)) he is deemed ineligible to stand as vice-president of RA V.