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Annex: 1

Subject: WMO Statement on the Status of the Global Climate

Dear Sir/Madam,

Since 1993, WMO has issued an annual Statement on the Status of the Global Climate in collaboration with the Commission for Climatology, Members of WMO and several international collaborating organizations and climate centres. The Statement has continued to gain in popularity and is today a recognized authoritative source of information for the scientific community, the media and the public at large.

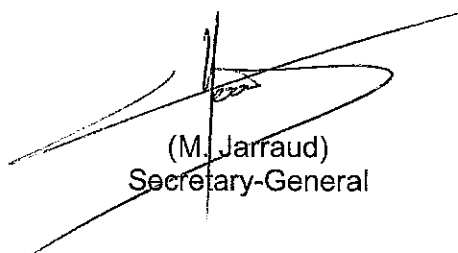
Moreover, it has been highly valued in recent years at the Conference of Parties (COPs) of the UNFCCC with the release of advanced climate statements during a special press conference held early during the COP period.

I would like to thank all directors of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) who facilitate the contribution of their services to the WMO Climate System Monitoring through CLIMAT reports, which are necessary for the compilation of Global Temperature trends and ranking.

I also wish to express the appreciation of WMO to all the Centres and the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services of its 189 Members that have collaborated with WMO and contributed to this key publication. I am pleased to note that for the 2011 Statement, 47 countries and 7 international centers reported directly, or through the Internet, to WMO their annual climate assessment including information on weather and climate extremes. I would like to take this opportunity to point out that WMO has an e-mail address in order to send national information on weather and climate extremes on a routine basis: [wcdmp@wmo.int](mailto:wcdmp@wmo.int). All NMHSs are encouraged to use this address.

As with previous editions, I would like to underscore the importance of your feedback. WMO looks forward to your comments on the *WMO Statement on the Status of the Global Climate in 2011* and welcomes your suggestions for its further improvement.

Yours faithfully,



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