Letter of candidacy for the election of Eoin Moran as second Vice-President of the World Meteorological Organization

I am honoured to relate to you that the Minister of Housing Local Government and Heritage on behalf of the Irish Government has supported my candidature for election as second Vice-President of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) for the term 2024 – 2027, at the upcoming Nineteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-19) in Geneva, Switzerland. In relation to this, I would like to seek your support for my candidature.

Ireland has been a Member of the WMO since 1950 and is committed to actively supporting the WMO's vision and mission to promote cooperation within our community of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs). In line with this commitment, Ireland is currently providing €4 million to enable the development of sustainable national monitoring and predictive capability where it is needed most through the Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF). Met Éireann advocated for Ireland's commitment to SOFF under my direction which underlines my strong belief in strengthening resilient development and climate adaptation for the most vulnerable countries in our community.

In Europe, I am currently Chair of the EUMETSAT Council and the Chair of the ECMWF Policy Advisory Committee (PAC). Both organisations contribute significantly to the WMO community providing data and tools to support forecasting, weather warnings and greater understanding of climate change locally, regionally, and globally. My combined experience in these roles and long-standing experience with the European meteorological scientific community has given me an overview of the major issues, challenges, and opportunities facing our WMO members. In a period of rapid technological change and uncertainty I believe a coordinated response from our community will be vital to continue building sustainable capacity for the citizens we serve.

As Director of Met Éireann I have successfully applied a strategic approach to delivering national capacity and capability development through, for example, establishing a new flood forecasting service for the country and setting up Ireland's National Framework for Climate Services (NFCS). In addition, I am member of Ireland's National Climate Change Advisory Council which has given me the opportunity to address the economic, ecological, and societal impacts and challenges of achieving a just transition to a climate resilient, biodiversity rich, environmentally sustainable and climate neutral world.

I believe my experience, oversight and expertise at a national and international level equips me with the skills and abilities to fulfil the role of WMO second Vice-President to benefit of the WMO community. I would be most grateful if you could please support my candidacy for the role of WMO second Vice-President. I have attached my CV for your information.

Thank you for your consideration of my candidacy.

Yours Sincerely

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