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Prof. Gerhard Adrian
President of WMO

Annex: 1

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Subject: Candidacy for the post of Secretary-General of WMO

Dear Professor Adrian,

It is a great honour for me to offer my candidacy for the post of Secretary-General of WMO at the forthcoming Nineteenth World Meteorological Congress in May-June 2023.

I am extremely proud of the WMO and envision our Organization at the forefront of global efforts to meet its Members' aspirations and needs in sustainable socio-economic development, protecting all people from extreme weather, water and climate hazards, climate action and resilience to climate risks. I will work tirelessly to achieving WMO strategic goals and initiatives and further strengthening WMO as an authoritative, forward-looking, result- and service-focused, transparent and inclusive organization, leaving no Member behind and honouring its core values.

I am known as trusted, dedicated, forward-looking, inclusive and globally recognized leader, with nearly 40 years of experience in hydrometeorology and various WMO structures, including last 20 years within the WMO Secretariat as director of research, director of cabinet, Assistant Secretary-General and currently Deputy Secretary-General. I combine deep knowledge of WMO and familiarity with the United Nations system, with Member-driven approach and collaborative style, open to innovations and honouring legacy and traditions. My track record, summarised in the attached CV, demonstrates successful achievements in strategic planning and result-based programming, governance reform, regional cooperation and development, gender equality, strengthening WMO position and contribution to climate and water global agendas, large-scale scientific and technical programmes and campaigns, as well as in accountability and controls.

I have built long-standing trustful relationships with our Members, UN system sister organizations and other partners. I trust that my good personal relationships with leadership of the UN and executive heads of key partner organizations will enable me to drive the Early Warnings for All forward and maintain global visibility of this and other strategic goals and initiatives. With our talented, dedicated and motivated Secretariat staff and a family of excellent professional experts worldwide, I am confident that we will be able to succeed in the near term and to create long-lasting sustainable capability for the future and realize full potential of our modernized Organization for the benefit of its Members.

I will continue to bring team spirit, mutual support, honesty and openness to our work. It would be my honour and privilege to serve WMO as its Secretary-General and I ask for your confidence and support.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Elena Manaenkova
Deputy Secretary-General