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**Subject:** First Meeting of the High-level Taskforce (HLTF-1) for the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) (Geneva, Switzerland, 25–26 February 2010)

**Action required:** Notify the WMO Secretariat of your views on matters that need to be considered by the taskforce during its work by 15 April 2010

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to the World Climate Conference-3 (WCC-3) organized by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in collaboration with other UN System Organizations and other partners in Geneva, Switzerland, from 31 August to 4 September 2009. The Heads of State and Government, Ministers and Heads of Delegations present at the conference adopted a Declaration that decided to establish a Global Framework for Climate Services to strengthen the production, availability, delivery and application of science-based climate monitoring and prediction services. The Conference Declaration decided that a taskforce consisting of high-level, independent advisers would recommend the proposed elements of the Framework, taking into account concepts outlined in the Brief Note annexed to the Declaration.

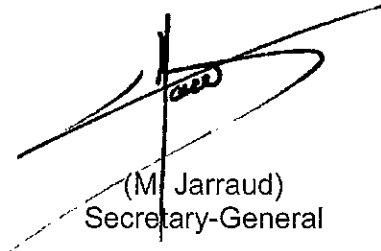
In response to the request of the Conference, the WMO convened, in Geneva, Switzerland, on 11–12 January 2010 an Intergovernmental Meeting of the Member States of the WMO, which approved the terms of reference and endorsed the composition of the High-level Taskforce for the Global Framework for Climate Services. The terms of reference and composition of the high-level taskforce are attached herewith for your information.

The Intergovernmental Meeting noted that Governments and relevant organizations may submit their views to the taskforce for its consideration by 15 April 2010. I would therefore like to invite your submissions, and included in these you may wish to highlight how your country currently uses climate services in its decision-making, gaps you perceive in the current provision of climate services and how a Global Framework might be implemented to address these gaps.

**To:** Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO-1336)

Let me conclude by again thanking you for your support of the WCC-3 and the follow-up process, which has the ambition to provide a significant improvement in climate change adaptation through the provision of the Global Framework for Climate Services.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



(M. Jarraud)  
Secretary-General