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SUBJECT: Invitation to nominate an expert for participation in the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF), South East European Climate Outlook Forum (SEECOF), Northern Africa Climate Outlook Forum (PRESANORD) 18-20 November 2019, Tbilisi, Georgia

Dear Colleague,

As you recall, the State Meteorological Agency of Spain (AEMET) has been coordinating the effort made by the 34 countries of the Greater Mediterranean Region with support of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to regularly generate operational seasonal climate outlook through the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF, <http://medcof.aemet.es>).

In relation to this, I am pleased to inform you that the 13th session of the MedCOF will be held back to back with the 22th Session of the SEECOF, and the 14th session of PRESANORD in Tbilisi, Georgia, from 18 to 20 November 2019. The joint organization of the aforementioned events will help building synergies between all these forums, and will give an opportunity of close collaboration and knowledge sharing among the regional forums. It will also facilitate the participation of attendants from countries involved in more than one Regional Climate Outlook Forum, and allow more efficient use of available resources. All these events are kindly hosted by the Meteorological Service of Georgia.

You are kindly invited to nominate an expert from your NMHS to participate in the above mentioned events, by sending the duly filled in and signed Nomination form (attached), at your earliest convenience, but **not later than 2 October 2019**. Given the WMO severe financial constraints, and as it was announced in our last face-to-face session in Cairo in November 2018, it will not be possible to provide financial support to participants. Therefore, you are kindly requested to consider cover all expenses of your country participant from institutional budget, or identify other sources of funding.

To: Permanent Representatives of the MedCOF countries
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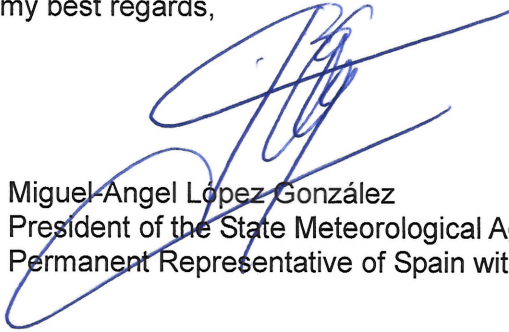
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The provisional agenda, information note on local arrangements and other relevant information will be provided to the nominated participants in due time. For more information on technical aspects you may contact Mr Ernesto Rodriguez (erodriguezc@aemet.es) the coordinator of MedCOF at AEMET, Ms Anahit Hovsepyan (ahovsepyan@wmo.int) at the WMO Secretariat, for the local logistics Ms Natia Beridze (n.beridze@nea.gov.ge).

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your strong interest, constant support and active participation in the RCOFs, which serve as a unique regional platform for knowledge sharing and regional partnership, aiming to produce valuable authentic climate information in support of improved climate services at national scale.

With my best regards,



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