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Subject: Appreciation for the recognition of WMO-UNHCR collaborations

Dear Ms Shimosawa,

On behalf of the Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), I would like to extend my gratitude for your kind words recognizing our efforts to provide the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) with climate information and advice to improve anticipatory action and crisis support. Early warnings work and they must work for everyone, especially for the most vulnerable displaced persons. The WMO coordination mechanism (WCM) will continue to support collaborations with UNHCR as a strategic component of the Early Warning for All initiative.

I would like also to take this opportunity to congratulate UNHCR for the unwavering commitment to protect people forced to flee their homes and stateless persons. Your work to deliver life-saving assistance for emergencies worldwide is inspiring and reflects the dedication, commitment and character of the response teams and the leadership at UNHCR. Be the Syria-Türkiye earthquake, the tropical cyclone Mocha, or the Sudan conflict, it is reassuring to know that UNHCR will respond.

It is encouraging to learn that our collective efforts are making a meaningful contribution to reduce the impacts of weather, water, and climate extremes on humanitarian crises. UNHCR recognition bolsters our determination to continue striving for excellence and expanding the scope of our work to address the challenges faced by refugees and displaced persons within the context of climate variability and change.

The success of WMO-UNHCR collaboration was largely due to the in-kind contributions of the African Center for Meteorological Applications Development (ACMAD), the Meteorological Climatological and Geophysical Agency of Indonesia Badan Meteorologi, Klimatologi, dan Geofisika (BMKG), the German Weather Service DWD, the United Kingdom Met Office, and especially, the Federal Office for Meteorology and Climatology MeteoSwiss through the innovation and success of the Weather4UN project. I wish to thank each and every

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one of these organizations for their contributions and welcome their continued support to maintain and increase the value of the WMO community to the UN and Humanitarians.

I look forward to meeting you in person to discuss potential areas for new collaborations.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Taalas', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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