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Interactive dialogue between Mr António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations and the World Meteorological Congress

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I am the Director of Romania's National Meteorological Service and President of Regional Association VI (Europe) of WMO.

I witness daily how science-based multilateral cooperation saves lives. Our community, through the World Meteorological Organization and trusted regional partners like the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts and European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites has built one of the most effective and enduring examples of global collaboration.

Every day, countries around the world share data freely, feeding into global models, that allow us to produce accurate, timely forecasts and early warnings. This system is a vital success story of collective action: one that protects lives, supports economies, and strengthens resilience in the face of climate change and weather extremes. It stands as a powerful example of what can be achieved when nations work together with trust, transparency, and a shared commitment to the well-being of all.

Initiatives such as the Systematic Observations Financing Facility and the Early Warnings for All launched under your leadership, show how multilateralism, when it is inclusive and grounded in equity, continues to deliver for the global good.

At a time when multilateral systems are under strain, the meteorological community reminds us what is possible when nations work together, not for headlines, but for humanity.

We urge all partners to build on the achievements of WMO and reinforce science-based multilateralism as a cornerstone of climate action and sustainable development. The stakes are high, but the path forward is clear: cooperation, equity, and science must guide our collective and common efforts.



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Thank you, Secretary-General, for your leadership in ensuring that cooperation remains at the heart of our collective response to the challenges ahead.