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APPROVAL OF THE PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

SUMMARY

DECISIONS/ACTIONS REQUIRED:

The Executive Council is requested to approve the attached Appendix – Provisional Annotated Agenda.

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Provisional Annotated Agenda

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

1.1 Opening of the session

The sixty-first session of the Council will open on Wednesday, 3 June 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the WMO Headquarters, Geneva.

1.2 Approval of the agenda

In accordance with General Regulation 159, the provisional agenda will be submitted to the Council for approval at the opening meeting and may be amended at any time during the course of the session.

1.3 Establishment of committees

EC will be invited to work in plenary throughout the session. Sub-committees for the session will be established and rapporteurs nominated.

1.4 Programme of work of the session

Questions to be decided upon will include:

- (a) Working hours of the meetings;
- (b) Tentative programme of work for the session.

1.5 Approval of the minutes

Attention is invited to the decision made by the Executive Council at its fiftieth session and confirmed by Thirteenth Congress that no minutes of plenary meetings at sessions of the Executive Council, regional associations and technical commissions should be prepared unless otherwise decided for special items. Recordings of plenaries will continue to be made and will be retained for the record.

2. REPORTS

2.1 Report by the President of the Organization

As specified in Regulation 157 of the General Regulations, this report will include:

- (a) A résumé of the activities of the Organization and its constituent bodies since the sixtieth session of the Council;
- (b) Matters to be reported under the provisions of Regulation 9(7);
- (c) Any other matters affecting the Organization and its constituent bodies; including changes in the membership of the Council.

2.2 Report by the Secretary-General

As specified in Regulation 158 of the General Regulations and as requested by Cg-XV, this report will include:

- (a) A *résumé* of the activities of the Secretariat since the sixtieth session of the Council, as well as a mid-term assessment of progress made towards achievement of the expected results of the WMO Strategic Plan since the beginning of the 2008-2011 financial period;
- (b) Relations of the Organization with other international organizations;
- (c) Management issues:
 - Financial matters;
 - Staff matters.

2.3 Report of the Financial Advisory Committee

The report of the Financial Advisory Committee will contain recommendations of the Committee on financial matters and on the implementation of results-based budgeting (RBB), including provisions for the second biennium of the fifteenth financial period and the preliminary proposals for the budget for the sixteenth financial period, linked to the next Strategic Plan. *(Note: The report of the Committee will be finalized after its meeting held prior to the opening of EC-LXI and, therefore, will be distributed during the session of the Council.)*

2.4 Reports by the presidents of regional associations

With reference to Regulation 166(5) of the General Regulations, the presidents of regional associations (RAs) will present the views of their respective Associations, focussing on the development and implementation of regional strategic plans and the priority areas of concern to the Regions. Reports will be presented by the presidents of RAs II and IV which have held sessions since EC-LX.

2.5 Reports by presidents of technical commissions and the Report of the 2009 PTC Meeting

In line with Regulation 185(6) presidents of technical commissions will present overviews of their respective Commissions focusing on matters requiring decision or resolution of the Council. Reports will be presented to review the priority issues to be addressed by the Commissions of JCOMM, CAS, CCI and CAeM at their forthcoming sessions. *(Note: presidents are invited to make interventions under all agenda items to assist EC in its decision making.)*

The Third Vice-President will present the report of the meeting held in Geneva in February 2009 and recommendations, proposals and draft resolutions pertinent thereto.

3. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION (Strategic Thrust)

Members will be invited to discuss reports and decision documents focussing on expected results (ER) 1 to 5.

3.1 Enhanced capabilities of Members to produce better weather forecasts and warnings (ER 1)

Under this agenda item the Council will hear reports of more effective use of numerical weather prediction products, including from ensemble systems, and is invited to make decisions on related matters including the transfer from research to operations of new techniques and technologies to improve multi-hazard warnings.

3.2 Enhanced capabilities of Members to provide better climate predictions and assessments (ER 2)

Under this agenda item, the Council will be invited to discuss and decide upon:

- The proposed amendment to the Manual on Global Data Processing and Forecasting Systems (Volume 1, Global Aspects), endorsed by CBS through an Inter-commission mechanism with CCI, on the designation process for WMO Regional Climate Centres (RCCs) along with formal designation of qualifying centres as WMO RCCs, if any;
- The establishment of a coordinated mechanism to facilitate development and operational implementation of climate prediction and their applications for climate adaptation in countries;
- The Council will be briefed on latest developments toward organization of the World Climate Conference-3 (WCC-3) and the expected major outcomes;
- The First Vice-President will present the report of the Second meeting of the EC Working Group on Climate and Related Weather, Water and Environmental Matters held in Geneva on 11-13 February 2009 and recommendations, proposals and draft resolutions pertinent thereto.

3.3 Enhanced capabilities of Members to provide better hydrological forecasts and assessments (ER 3)

The Council will be informed of the outcome of the thirteenth session of the Commission for Hydrology, held in November 2008 in Geneva, and provide guidance for the future achievement of the ER.

3.4 Integration of WMO observing systems (ER 4)

The session will discuss and decide on:

- Implementation of the WIGOS concept and in particular, recommendations resulting from the Executive Council Working Group on WIGOS and WIS related to the WIGOS Development and Implementation Plan (WDIP), WIGOS Concept of Operations (CONOPS), WIGOS pilot and demonstration projects initiated by technical commissions and regional associations;
- Further development and improvements in the WMO and WMO-sponsored Observing Systems addressing Weather, Water and Climate including the GOS surface-based and space-based sub systems, GAW, GCOS, GOOS, GTOS and related research networks;

- Standardization of instruments and methods of observation.

3.5 Development and implementation of the new WMO Information System (ER 5)

The session will discuss and decide on:

- The further development and implementation of WIS and ICG-WIS and relevant CBS-XIV and EC WG-WIGOS&WIS outcomes, including in particular the further development of regulatory and guidance material, governance matters especially the process for designation of WIS centres (GISC & DCPC), the preliminary identification of potential GISCs and DCPCs and initial 2008/2009 operations. The Council will discuss and decide on directives for further improvements of the GTS, as the WIS part for operation-critical data including high-priority warnings and related information, including in developing areas. It will also discuss and decide on directives for the involvement in WIS development and utilization of WIS services by all WMO Programmes at the global, regional and national levels;
- The further development of WMO metadata and data representation policy and systems for data and products from WMO and related systems, taking account of evolving requirements from various user communities.

4. SERVICE DELIVERY (Strategic Thrust)

Members will be invited to discuss reports and decision documents focussing on ERs 6 to 7.

4.1 Enhanced capabilities of Members in multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster prevention and preparedness (ER 6)

Under this agenda item the Council is invited to discuss and make decisions on key issues including: the roles of NMHSs in disaster risk reduction, regional capacity building projects to improve early warning capability, and strengthening partnerships in multi-hazard warning and disaster risk reduction.

4.2 Enhanced capabilities of Members to provide and use weather, climate, water and environmental applications and services (ER 7)

Under this agenda item the Council is invited to discuss and make decisions on key issues including: improved products and service delivery, increasing the user focus of NMHSs, socio-economic issues related to the use of weather, climate, water and environmental applications, and building human resource capacity in service delivery.

5. PARTNERSHIPS (Strategic Thrust)

The Council will receive reports and will be invited to address decision documents focussing on expected result 8, namely broader use of weather, climate, and water outputs for decision-making and implementation by Members and partner organizations (ER 8).

5.1 Cooperation with the United Nations system

The Council will be invited to review recent activities relating to cooperation with the United Nations system particularly through its inter-agency mechanisms, to supporting conventions

and world summits follow-up. The Council will review the recommendations addressed to the Organization by the United Nations which are related to the WMO mandate.

5.2 Cooperation with international organizations

The Council will be invited to review progress and provide guidance on the activities relating to cooperation with international organizations, including the reports from the IPCC, GCOS and WCRP, International Polar Year 2007-2008 and on GEOSS. The status of the plan to establish working arrangements or granting consultative status requested by other international organizations will be submitted to the Council for its consideration.

5.3 Communications and public affairs

The Council will be invited to review public outreach and media communication activities under the Information and Public Affairs Programme and decide the theme of the World Meteorological Day 2011.

6. CAPACITY BUILDING (Strategic Thrust)

Members will be invited to discuss reports and decision documents focussing on enhanced capabilities of NMHSs in developing countries, particularly Least Developed Countries, to fulfil their mandates (ER 9) through:

- Promoting development partnership and cooperation, including regional activities, technical cooperation projects implementation, assistance to LDCs and SIDS and the EC Working Group on Capacity Building (EC WG-CB) activities;
- Human Resource Capacity Development, including Education and Training and related activities;
- Strengthening infrastructure and operational facilities, including relevant projects development and WMO Country Profile Database implementation;
- Enhancing resource mobilization, including the Voluntary Cooperation Programme management and the implementation of WMO Resource Mobilization Strategy;
- Enhancing their support to policy-makers, government agencies and other user-sectors.

7. EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT AND GOOD GOVERNANCE (Strategic Thrust)

Members will be invited to discuss reports and decision documents focussing on ERs 10 to 11.

7.1 Effective and efficient functioning of constituent bodies (ER 10)

The Executive Council is invited to review the current categorization of WMO publications, with a view to making recommendations to Cg-XVI on the production and distribution of publications during the sixteenth financial period.

7.2 Effective and efficient management performance and oversight of the Organization (ER 11)

(a) Strategic Plan and Operating Plan

The Council will be informed on the status of development of the next WMO Strategic Plan; the Council will consider the corresponding recommendations of its Working Group on Strategic and Operational Planning and it will be invited to provide guidance on the further development of the next WMO Strategic Plan.

The Council will be invited to discuss and give guidance on the development of the WMO Operating Plan 2012-2015, which should, among other, form the basis for the preparation of Secretary-General's budget proposal for the financial period 2012-2015.

(b) Budget for 2010-2011

The Council will consider, and be invited to approve, the Secretary-General's budget for the biennium 2010-2011. The proposed budget amounts to CHF 134,900,000 and is presented in the results-based budgeting format.

(c) High priority activities for the biennium 2010-2011

The Council will consider, and be invited to approve, the Secretary-General's proposals for high priority activities for the biennium 2010-2011. The costs of the proposed high priority activities total CHF 2,850,000 and will be funded from the cash surplus arising from the fourteenth financial period. The proposals are presented in the results-based budgeting format.

(d) Monitoring and evaluation

The Council will be invited to consider a proposal on the WMO Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and consider the pertinent recommendations of its Working Group on Strategic and Operational Planning.

(e) Preliminary Discussion on the Budget for the Sixteenth Financial Period (2012-2015)

The Council will deliberate and provide guidance on outline priorities and outline resources for 2012-2015, as well as on the budget format and methodology to be used for the preparation of the results-based budget proposal for 2012-2015.

(f) External Auditor, Internal Oversight Office and Audit Committee

The Executive Council will consider the accounts for the year 2008, including reports of the External Auditor, the annual accountability report of the Internal Oversight Office (IOO), the Audit Committee and the Financial Advisory Committee.

(g) Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS)

The Executive Council approved in June 2008 the resource requirements of CHF 3.8 million for the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS) during the fifteenth financial period. The Council will receive a progress report on the

implementation of the IPSAS project. The Secretary-General will present a proposal for revision of the WMO Financial Regulations to meet IPSAS requirements.

(h) Joint Inspection Unit (JIU)

The Council will review the status of implementation of JIU recommendations pertinent to WMO emanating from JIU UN system-wide reports.

(i) Internal Secretariat Matters

The Council will hear reports on Secretariat human resources issues, including Staff Rules, nominations and promotions and views of the Staff Committee.

(j) Proposal for increasing the load on payroll for reserves: (a) Recruitment and Termination Benefits; and (b) after-service health benefits

The Recruitment and Termination Benefits Reserve was established by Resolution 20 (EC-XXVII) to meet end-of-contract and recruitment costs, which are not specifically budgeted. The Executive Council will consider the Secretary-General's proposal for increasing the load.

(k) Proposal for financing the increase in the capital of the Working Capital Fund

Noting that the balance of the Working Capital Fund for the fifteenth financial period fell short of the CHF 7.5 million target set by Cg-XV by CHF 1.2 million, the Executive Council requested the Secretary-General to prepare a formal plan and put in place actions to ensure that the Working Capital Fund reached the level approved by Congress. The Executive Council will consider the Secretary-General's proposal for financing the shortfall.

8. FUTURE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The Executive Council will discuss future challenges and opportunities facing WMO and will consider:

- Challenges facing Prediction Research: A report of the EC Task Team on Research Aspects of an Enhanced Climate, Weather, Water and Environmental Prediction Framework;
- Role of Policy Makers in WMO;
- Future Structure of WMO.

9. GENERAL AND LEGAL MATTERS

9.1 Fifty-fourth International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize and other Awards

The Council will be invited to select the recipient of the Fifty-fourth IMO Prize. The Council will also be invited to [note/select] the recipients of other WMO awards.

9.2 Constitutional and regulatory matters

Matters pertaining to the Convention or the General Regulations, if any, will be taken up under this agenda item.

9.3 Designation of acting member(s) of the Executive Council

In accordance with Regulation 144 of the General Regulations and Rules 15 and 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, the Executive Council will be called upon to designate acting member(s) of the Council to fill seat(s) vacated by elected member(s) of the Council.

9.4 Review of panels and other bodies of the Executive Council

Following the designation of its acting members, the Council will be invited to review the membership of its panels and other bodies.

10. SCIENTIFIC LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

10.1 Scientific lectures and discussions

According to the decision by EC-LX, arrangements have been made for a scientific lecture to be delivered on "Adaptation to a variable and changing climate: challenges and opportunities for NMHSs".

10.2 Arrangements for scientific lecture during EC-LXII

The Council will be invited to select the theme for a scientific lecture to be delivered during EC-LXII.

10.3 Arrangements for the twelfth IMO Lecture

The Council will be invited to select a theme for the twelfth IMO Lecture to be delivered at Sixteenth Congress in 2011.

11. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Council will be invited to review its resolutions which are presently in force, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 155(9) of the General Regulations and Rule 27 of its Rules of Procedure.

12. DATE AND PLACE OF THE SIXTY-SECOND AND SIXTY-THIRD SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Council will be invited to set the dates for its sixty-second and sixty-third sessions in order to facilitate organizational arrangements.

13. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

The sixty-first session of the Council is scheduled to close on Friday, 12 June 2009.
