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GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

1. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION (agenda item 1)

1.1 Opening of the session (agenda item 1.

1.1.1 The WMO President, Mr D. Grimes, opened the sixty-seventh session of the Council on Monday, 15 June 2015 at 9.30 a.m. in the WMO headquarters building. The President welcomed all the elected members and underlined that the session was meant to review the decisions taken by the Congress at its seventeenth session and their implications for the Council. In this regard, he emphasized that the session would focus in particular on the responsibilities delegated to the Council and the substructures of the Council itself. The President acknowledged the presence of the First Vice-President, Mr A.D. Moura, who had not been in a position to attend the Congress, and of the newly appointed Secretary-General, Prof. P. Taalas, who was attending the meeting as an invited Secretariat expert. A list of participants is given in the [appendix](#) to the present report.

1.1.2 The Secretary-General, Mr M. Jarraud, joined the President in welcoming the newly elected members. He reminded the participants of the unique nature of the Executive Council within the organizations of the United Nations system, noting that 27 members of the Council are elected and serve in their personal capacity, contributing their expertise and advice in the paramount interest of the Organization. In this regard, he also underlined the important role played by members in the effective functioning of the Council and its different substructures.

1.2 Approval of the agenda (agenda item 1.2)

The Executive Council adopted the provisional annotated agenda as contained in EC-67/Doc. 1.2, REV. 1.

1.3 Establishment of committees (agenda item 1.3)

1.3.1 The following Selection Committees were established to consider specific items during the session:

Executive Council Panel of Experts on Education and Training

Chairperson: Mr J.C. Fallas Sojo
Members: Mr J. Baez Benitez, Mr I. Čačić, Mr D. Konate

IMO Prize

Chairperson: Dr A.D. Moura
Members Prof. G. Adrian, Mr J.C. Fallas Sojo, Dr A. Kijazi

WMO Research Award for Young Scientists

Chairperson: Dr Zheng
Members Mr M.A. Lopez González, Mr R. Philippe, Prof. A.C. Saulo

Audit Committee

Chairperson: Mr J.-M. Lacave
Members: Dr A.S Ghulam, Dr G. Navarro, Ms C.L. Wong

1.3.2 The Council also established an open committee, chaired by Prof. M. Ostojski, to select the theme for World Meteorological Day 2017.

1.3.3 The Council designated Mr F. Teshome as Rapporteur on Previous EC Resolutions.

1.4 Programme of work of the session (agenda item 1.4)

Working hours of the meetings were established as 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. The necessary arrangements concerning the allocation of agenda items to the plenary were made.

1.5 Approval of the minutes (agenda item 1.5)

The Council noted that in accordance with General Regulation 112, no minutes should be prepared unless otherwise decided for special items. Audio recordings of plenaries shall be made and would be retained for record purposes.

2. CONSIDERATION OF DECISIONS OF THE SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS REQUIRING URGENT ACTION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND REVIEW OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (agenda item 2)

2.1 The Council decided to establish its working structure, comprising of panels of experts, working groups, task teams and committees, as described below.

2.2 It was agreed to establish the following new Executive Council subsidiary bodies:

- (a) EC Panel of Experts on Capacity Development;
- (b) EC Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction;
- (c) EC Task Team on Data Policy and Emerging Issues.

2.3 It was agreed to re-establish with amended terms of references the following Executive Council subsidiary bodies:

- (a) EC Working Group on WMO Strategic and Operational Planning;
- (b) EC Advisory Panel of Experts on Gender Mainstreaming;
- (c) EC Panel of Experts on Polar and High-mountains Observations, Research and Services.

In light of the above, the Council adopted the following resolutions: [1 \(EC-67\) – Executive Council Working Group on WMO Strategic and Operational Planning](#); [2 \(EC-67\) – Executive Council Advisory Panel of Experts on Gender Mainstreaming](#); and [3 \(EC-67\) – Executive Council Panel of Experts on Polar and High-mountain Observations, Research and Services](#).

2.4 It was agreed to maintain the following Executive Council subsidiary bodies:

- (a) EC Panel of Experts on Education and Training (Resolution 7 (EC-66));
- (b) WMO Audit Committee (Resolution 8 (EC-LXIII));
- (c) WMO Staff Pension Committee.

2.5 It was agreed to maintain the following selection committees for WMO awards and prizes:

- (a) Selection Committee for membership of the ETR Panel of Experts on Education and Training;
- (b) Selection Committee for membership of the WMO Audit Committee;

- (c) Selection Committee for the IMO Prize;
- (d) Selection Committee for the WMO Research Award for Young Scientists;
- (e) Selection Committee for the Professor Dr Vilho Väisälä Award;
- (f) Selection Committee for the JSC/WCRP membership.

Audit Committee

2.6 The Council recalled the decision of the Seventeenth Congress to maintain the Audit Committee, reporting to the Executive Council.

2.7 The Council also recalled its decision at its sixty-third session agreeing on the terms of reference and membership of the Audit Committee (Resolution 8 (EC-LXIII) – Terms of reference and membership of the Audit Committee) and at its sixty-sixth session establishing a Selection Committee of the WMO Audit Committee.

2.8 The Council noted that the three-year term of Mr John Hirst, Mr Mamadou Bah, and Ms Linda Makuleni had ended. It also noted that Mr Salleppan Kandasamy and Mr Michael Ryan had indicated that they would not continue to serve on the Committee, and the term of Ms Catherine Vendat and Mr Suresh Sharma had not expired.

2.9 The Council considered the report of the Chairperson of the Selection Committee on membership of the Audit Committee and agreed to appoint the members of the Audit Committee for a three-year term, as indicated in [Annex I to the present report](#).

Executive Council Panel of Experts on Education and Training

2.10 The Council received a report from the Chairperson of the Selection Committee for the EC Panel of Experts on Education and Training. The Chairperson recalled Resolution 17 of EC-66 related to the Terms of Reference of the EC Panel of Experts on Education and Training, in particular the section related to the appointment of Panel members. The Chairperson noted that the steps outlined in the Terms of Reference had been followed and sufficient documentation provided to the selection committee to enable them to reach their decision. The Council approved the twelve (12) experts for the Panel, as reflected in [Annex I to the present report](#), with a reserve list of thirteen (13) experts. It was further suggested to consider inviting other self-funded experts as observers as appropriate.

Executive Council Panel of Experts on Capacity Development

2.11 The Council noted that Congress (Cg-17) had requested it to oversee the implementation of the Capacity Development Strategy (CDS) and the Capacity Development Programme during the 2016–2019 period and to give prominence to a number of areas of the CDS including WMO assistance for:

- (a) Interaction with technical and scientific programmes;
- (b) Compliance with WMO Technical Regulations;
- (c) The implementation of high priority WMO Programmes and projects such as WIGOS, WIS, DRR and GFCS at the national and regional level;
- (d) National assessments and knowledge-based gap analysis of Member's NMHS capabilities;
- (e) National strategic planning;
- (f) Regional political support;

- (g) Development partnerships at regional level;
- (h) Advocacy, project assistance, and project development at national and regional levels;
- (i) Fellowships/training in the management and modernization of NMHSs and priority areas;
- (j) Increased involvement of developing countries in research;
- (k) Improved service delivery and user community engagement at national level to enable them to benefit fully from the products and services of NMHSs.

2.12 The Council further recognized that the newly established Programme for WMO SIDS and Member Island Territories required particular attention.

2.13 The Council recalled that the preparation of the CDS benefited from having a significant number of EC members on the ECWG-CD, but concluded that during the next financial period the implementation focus of WMO efforts would be better served by recasting the group as an EC Panel of Experts. Membership would include experts from the Technical Commissions and the broader development community to ensure a harmonized approach across the operating plans of WMO and its partner organizations. The Council also expressed the view that such a panel could benefit from a more formal relationship to the Informal Planning Meeting (IPM) of the Voluntary Cooperation Programme (VCP) by inviting the IPM Chairperson or a representative to participate in the EC Panel. The Council also noted the need for coordination with the Regional Presidents and the Panel of Experts on Education and Training.

2.14 In this connection, the Council adopted [Resolution 4 \(EC-67\) – Executive Council Panel of Experts on Capacity Development](#).

Disaster Risk Reduction

2.15 The Council acknowledged the directions given by the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-17) on the implementation of the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) activities of WMO, and decided that there is a need for the establishment of an expert body to guide the relevant activities of WMO in this important area, including:

- (a) Implementation of the WMO DRR priority in the WMO Strategic Plan 2016–2019;
- (b) Assistance to Members to implement the Sendai Framework for DRR 2015–2030; and
- (c) WMO participation in the implementation of the United Nations Plan of Action on DRR for Resilience.

2.16 The Council recalled that Cg-17 highlighted that the WMO DRR Roadmap emphasizes the role NMHSs need to play across all timescales, such as the provision of weather-specific early warnings with improved lead time, slower onset seasonal or climate-related information, and related hazard and risk information for planning and prevention purposes, including the reduction of existing risks and the prevention of the creation of new risks. The Council stressed that the DRR Roadmap should reflect the need for NMHSs to actively engage with disaster risk management (DRM) agencies, strengthening partnerships with other relevant stakeholders (e.g. National Red Cross/Red Crescent Societies), and taking advantage of all relevant resources and initiatives.

2.17 The Council recalled that Cg-17 highlighted the need for systematic characterization and cataloguing of extreme weather and climate events in a form that allows data on losses and damage to be cross-referenced to these phenomena. The Council noted the important role of NMHSs in the standardized collection and maintenance of weather, water, climate and air-borne hazard and disaster data in order to evaluate the effectiveness and contribution of NMHSs in reducing disaster losses and risks.

2.18 In consideration of the above, the Council adopted [Resolution 5 \(EC-67\) – Executive Council Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction](#).

Climate-related bodies

2.19 The Executive Council recalled the consolidated structure of the World Climate Programme (WCP) as confirmed by Cg-17, and recognized the need to ensure effective coordination of its various components, particularly in support of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS). The Council also noted the decision of Cg-17 to adopt a results framework for the GFCS, which will need a suitable mechanism involving all the relevant key stakeholders for overall coordination and oversight of WMO contributions to the GFCS. The Council therefore adopted [Resolution 6 \(EC-67\) – A mechanism to advance WMO contributions to the Global Framework for Climate Services](#).

2.20 The Council also recalled the decisions of Seventeenth Congress on a number of issues related to data including data policies and international exchange of GFCS relevant data and products, big data, crowd sourced data, and data from social media. The Council recognized the need to oversee: (a) aspects, and contribute to the implementation, of the WMO policy for international exchange of climate data and products to support the implementation of the GFCS; and (b) a review of the challenges and risks, opportunities and benefits related to 'Big Data', 'Crowd-Sourced Data', 'Social Media' as well as emerging and future data sources, and their potential impact on WMO Members. The Council therefore adopted [Resolution 7 \(EC-67\) – Executive Council Task Team on Data Policy and Emerging Issues](#).

2.21 The Council acknowledged with appreciation the activities within the WMO Technical Commissions for Climatology (CCI), Hydrology (CHy), and Agricultural Meteorology (CAgM), and the need to increase synergies in WMO activities related to food security and water resources under a variable and changing climate, to effectively address the priorities of the GFCS. In this regard, the Council also highlighted the longstanding partnership of WMO with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). Keeping this in view, the Council considered that some functions of the Joint CCI/CAgM/CHy Expert Group on Climate, Food and Water (JEG-CFW) could potentially be undertaken through the mechanism to advance WMO contributions to the GFCS and discontinued the JEG-CFW as an Executive Council body.

Intercommission Coordination Group on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System

2.22 The Executive Council recalled the achievements of its Intercommission Coordination Group on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (ICG-WIGOS) to guide development and implementation of WIGOS, including coordination of WIGOS-related activities and collaboration with technical commissions, regional associations and international partner organizations in the planning, implementation and further development of the Global Observing System, the Global Atmosphere Watch, the WMO Hydrological Observing System and the Global Cryosphere Watch, as the core component observing systems of WIGOS.

2.23 The Council also recalled the decision of Seventeenth Congress to re-establish ICG-WIGOS with strengthened regional representation to monitor and guide the WIGOS development and implementation.

2.24 The Council agreed on the updated terms of reference of ICG-WIGOS and adopted [Resolution 8 \(EC-67\) – Inter-Commission Coordination Group on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System \(ICG-WIGOS\)](#).

Continuation of activities of WMO/IUGG Volcanic Ash Scientific Advisory Group

2.25 The Executive Council noted the scientific contributions of the Volcanic Ash Scientific Advisory Group (VASAG), co-sponsored by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the

International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) to the advancement of the International Airways Volcano Watch (IAVW).

2.26 Acknowledging the evolving nature of volcanic ash science and the needs of the air transport industry of enhanced services to mitigate the impact of volcanic ash hazard on aviation operations and following the recommendation by Cg-17, the Council requested the Secretary-General, to continue his support to the VASAG in close coordination with the IUGG in accordance with the working arrangements between the WMO and IUGG (WMO-No. 60, Working Arrangements with the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics) and with revised terms of reference as shown in [Annex II to the present report](#). Council further requested the Secretary-General to inform the presidents of CAeM, CAS, CIMO and CBS of VASAG activities in order to establish effective liaison in addressing related crosscutting issues.

2.27 Council noted interest expressed by some members regarding the potential impact of volcanic ash hazard in areas other than aviation, such as, health and food security, and considered that such issues could be brought to the attention of the future EC sessions with more background information, as appropriate.

Quality Management Framework

2.28 Council acknowledged the directions given by the Seventeenth Congress on the need for furthering the organization-wide Quality Management Framework (QMF) as a comprehensive and structured approach to organizational management that seeks to improve the quality of products and services through on-going refinements in response to continuous feedback.

2.29 Council noted that the implementation of the QMS for aviation has been progressing with different speed in different regions and that the CAeM would continue to accord high priority on providing assistance and guidance to Members for enhancing the compliance with the ICAO and WMO requirements on QMS. Another important development was the expansion of the quality management process to other WMO Programmes and activities supported by relevant technical commissions. Council agreed that these on-going and future developments should be coordinated through an appropriate working mechanism that will ensure an inclusive and harmonized approach to increase the uptake by Members of the QMF principles in their efforts for performance improvement.

2.30 Council noted further that the directions outlined in Resolution 7 (Cg-17), with regard to furthering the development of the WMO QMF and streamlining the quality management aspects of all WMO Programmes, would require a coordinated effort by all regional associations and technical commissions, supported by the Secretariat, to assess the current status of implementation of the WMO QMF and the need for further guidance, in particular, in view of the transition to the new ISO 9001:2015 quality management standard.

2.31 Council agreed that a comprehensive analytical report on the current status of the WMO QMF should be presented to the joint meeting of presidents of technical commissions and presidents of regional associations in early 2016 (PTC/PRA 2016) in order to facilitate the development of a proposal for a suitable Organization-wide coordination mechanism.

2.32 Council further agreed that the outcome of the PTC/PRA 2016 meeting on the future enhancement of the WMO QMF should be submitted for consideration by the EC Working Group on Strategic and Operational Plan (EC/WG-SOP) as the basis for preparing a comprehensive proposal to EC-68 on the future WMO QMF approach, including the needed supporting expertise and resources.

2.33 The membership of Executive Council bodies, as defined by the sixty-seventh session, is given in [Annex I to the present report](#).

2.34 The Council emphasized that in view of budgetary constraints, the Organization would provide financial support for participation in meetings of its subsidiary bodies normally to experts

from developing countries, small island developing states (SIDS) and LDCs only, and that, as a general rule, alternates of Council members, elected in their personal capacity, would not be funded. Further in that connection, the Council encouraged its subsidiary bodies to use in their work, as much as possible, electronic means of communication and teleconferences with a view to reducing the number and duration of meetings, and to optimizing their outputs.

3. BIENNIUM BUDGET (2016–2017) (agenda item 3)

3.1 The Executive Council noted Resolution 70 (Cg-17) on the maximum expenditures for the seventeenth financial period and the decisions of the Seventeenth Congress contained in the general summary paragraphs 10.2.1 to 10.2.6 regarding the maximum expenditure.

3.2 The Council noted the following sessions in 2016 and 2017 of technical commissions and regional associations:

2016

Sixteenth session of Regional Association II (Asia) (RA II-16)

Sixteenth session of the Commission for Basic Systems (CBS-16)

Fifteenth session of the Commission for Hydrology (CHy-15)

2017

Seventeenth session of Regional Association IV (North America, Central America and the Caribbean) (RA IV-17)

Seventeenth session of Regional Association V (South-West Pacific) (RA V-17)

Seventeenth session of Regional Association VI (Europe) (RA VI-17)

Seventeenth session of the Commission for Atmospheric Sciences (CAS-17)

Fifth session of the Joint WMO/IOC Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM-5)

3.3 The Council further noted that the regular budget contributions of WMO to jointly-funded activities for the biennium 2016–2017 currently include CHF 1,198,600 for the Global Climate Observation System (GCOS), CHF 803,300 for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and CHF 3,744,200 for the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP).

3.4 The Council also noted that, in order to implement the decision of Seventeenth Congress on the maximum expenditure for the seventeenth financial period within the limited time available, the initial budget by Expected Results for the biennium 2016–2017, has been scaled down on a pro rata basis, in order to take into account expected reductions to be achieved through further efficiency gains, re-scoping of activities and increased financing of selected activities by extrabudgetary resources. The Secretariat shall endeavour to comply with the financial allocation by Expected Results, within the limits of the flexibility provided by the Financial Regulation 4.2. However, should a revision of the allocation of the approved funds by Expected Results beyond the limit of 3 per cent become necessary, supplementary estimates for the period 2016–2017 will be presented to EC-68 in 2016, with the understanding that the overall amount of financial resources available for this period shall in any case remain within the limit of the budget approved by EC-67 for the biennium 2016–2017 as referred to in paragraph 3.6 below.

3.5 The Executive Council also noted that – within the overall amount of the budget for the biennium 2016–2017 - an amount of CHF 3 million shall be set aside on a pro rata basis against each of the Expected Results, to be released by the Council in case some of the reductions envisaged for 2016–2017 shall be achieved later than currently expected, i.e. in the second biennium of the seventeenth financial period.

3.6 The Executive Council adopted [Resolution 9 \(EC-67\) – Budget for the 2016–2017 biennium](#). The Executive Council thereby approved the regular budget appropriation of CHF 136,557,400.

3.7 The Executive Council recalled that the Seventeenth Congress had requested the Council, in close cooperation with the Secretariat, to establish required mechanisms in order to review WMO activities and Programmes and to consider additional efficiencies and savings, re-scoping of activities and the use of programme support costs associated with voluntary contributions, as well as the associated risks and opportunities. The Council decided to request the Executive Council Working Group on Strategic and Operational Planning (WG-SOP) to develop recommendations for consideration of the Executive Council based on the above tasks. The Executive Council stressed the need to ensure close involvement of the presidents of the regional associations and the technical commissions in this activity. The Council also requested WG-SOP to define clear performance indicators on the degree of achievement of the objectives set for the review. The Executive Council finally requested WG-SOP to regularly report to the EC members on the progress made, in order to facilitate discussions at the sessions of the Executive Council.

4. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (agenda item 4)

4.1 Sixtieth International Meteorological Organization Prize (agenda item 4.1)

4.1.1 The Executive Council awarded the sixtieth International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize to Professor Dame Julia Mary Slingo (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland).

4.1.2 Professor Slingo will be invited to deliver a scientific lecture at EC-68.

4.2 Other awards (agenda item 4.2)

WMO Research Award for Young Scientists

4.2.1 Based on the recommendation of its Selection Committee, the Council, while noting the quality of the nominations, conferred the 2015 WMO Research Award for Young Scientists upon Dr Amos Pui Kuen Tai (Hong Kong, China) for the paper entitled "Threat to future global food security from climate change and ozone air pollution" by Amos P.K. Tai et al. (Nature Climate Change, September 2014 DOI:10.1038/NCLIMATE2317).

Professor Dr Vilho Väisälä Awards

4.2.2 The Council recalled that its Selection Committee for the Väisälä Awards had recommended that the Guidelines for granting the Professor Dr Vilho Väisälä Awards be revised to consider, among others, other channels of submission, further encourage the submissions from developing countries and to refine the criteria for granting the awards. The Council welcomed that a proposal for modification of the guidelines had been developed in consultation with the Väisälä Foundation. The Council adopted the Guidelines for granting the Professor Dr Vilho Väisälä Awards as provided in [Annex III to the present report](#).

4.3 Theme for World Meteorological Day 2017 (agenda item 4.3)

The Council decided that the theme for the World Meteorological Day in 2017 would be "Understanding Clouds".

4.4 Staff matters (agenda item 4.4)

Amendments to Staff Rules

4.4.1 The Council noted the amendments to the Staff Rules applicable to Secretariat staff made by the Secretary-General since the sixty-sixth session of the Executive Council.

Report on appointments, extensions, transfers, nominations and promotions of staff in the professional category and above

4.4.2 In accordance with Article 21 (b) of the Convention, the Council examined and approved the appointments made by the Secretary-General since its sixty-sixth session and listed in [Annex IV to the present report](#).

4.4.3 In accordance with Article 9.5 of the Staff Regulations the Council noted the approval by the President of WMO, acting on behalf of the Council, of the extension of appointment of one staff member beyond the statutory age of retirement initiated by the Secretary-General since its sixty-sixth session and listed in [Annex V to the present report](#).

4.4.4 The Council noted the transfers, nominations and promotions made by the Secretary-General since its sixty-sixth session listed in [Annex VI to the present report](#).

4.4.5 The Council noted that the list of consultants hired since EC-66 would be included in Part II of the abridged final report with resolutions of the sixty-seventh session of the Executive Council.

4.4.6 The Council requested that the Secretary-General provide an analysis of the possible amendment of Article 21 (b) of the WMO Convention.

4.4.7 The Council whilst acknowledging that there is a process requiring the Secretary-General to consult the President when considering extensions of staff members, at professional levels and above, beyond statutory retirement age, nevertheless requested that this kind of extension be documented and made transparent to the Executive Council.

4.4.8 The Council also requested that the Secretary-General make available at 6-month intervals a list of existing Secretariat staff members.

4.4.9 Future documents on Staff Matters should also provide statistics on trends in applications and selections.

4.5 Financial matters (agenda item 4.5)

Consideration of the financial statements for 2014, including the report of the External Auditor to the Executive Council

4.5.1 Taking into account the reports of FINAC and the Audit Committee, the Executive Council considered the audited financial statements of the World Meteorological Organization for the year 2014 and the report of the External Auditor to the Executive Council. The Executive Council noted with appreciation that the External Auditor had issued an unqualified audit opinion on the accounts for the year 2014. The Council also expressed appreciation to the Secretary-General for his contribution to this achievement.

4.5.2 The Council noted that the total revenue recognized during the year 2014 amounted to CHF 82.1 million and total expenses to CHF 96.9 million, resulting in an overall deficit of CHF 14.8 million, representing a decrease of CHF 36.7 million (168%) from the IPSAS surplus of CHF 21.8 million in 2013. The Council noted that the deficit resulted mainly from a decrease of CHF 17.1 million in voluntary contributions and an increase of CHF 20.7 million in expenditure, and that the increase in expenditure primarily represents an increase in the implementation of activities in 2014 which in turn is linked to the significant inflow of voluntary contributions in 2013. The Council expressed appreciation to Members who have made voluntary contributions and encouraged all Members to give greater attention to this matter during the seventeenth financial period in order not to place the accomplishment of the Organization's strategic priorities at risk.

4.5.3 The Council noted that total expenditure of CHF 96.9 million in 2014 represents an increase of CHF 20.7 million or 27.1% from 2013 and that the increase resulted from an increase

of CHF 3.2 million in salaries and benefits, CHF 8.1 million in project expenditure funded with voluntary contributions, CHF 2.1 million increase in depreciation following adjustments in 2014 to the useful lives of the various components of the headquarters' building. The Council further noted that 2013 expenditure included the recognition of an unrealized gain of CHF 7.8 million which arose from the discounting of the long-term loan on the headquarters' building.

4.5.4 The Council also noted that cash holdings of all WMO operations decreased from CHF 98.6 million (cash and investments) at 31 December 2013 to CHF 95.9 million at 31 December 2014 and the decrease was in trust funds and other voluntary contributions as the holdings of the General Fund increased by CHF 4.0 million from CHF 24.1 million at 31 December 2013 to CHF 28.1 million at 31 December 2014. The Council noted that the balance of CHF 28.1 million is sufficient for operations of four months. The Council also noted that arrears of contributions decreased by CHF 2.2 million from CHF 15.8 million at 31 December 2013 to CHF 13.6 million at 31 December 2014.

4.5.5 The Council also noted that employee benefits liabilities, the value of which was established on the basis of a professional actuarial valuation undertaken by independent actuaries, increased by CHF 12.4 million (25%) from CHF 49.6 million at 31 December 2013 to CHF 62.0 million at 31 December 2014. The Council noted that the increase is mainly due to a net actuarial loss on the benefits, which arose from: (i) a decrease in the discount rate applied to the long term liabilities which resulted in an increase of about 15.5% in the liabilities; (ii) the introduction of the normal retirement age of 65 years (extended from 62 years) for new entrants since 1 January 2014, which caused a decrease of about 0.5% in the liabilities for that group; and (iii) a change in the employee membership profile which resulted in an increase in the liabilities of about 2.0%. The Council further noted that the liabilities are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis through a load of 3% on direct payroll costs.

4.5.6 The Council noted that voluntary-funded expenditure amounted to CHF 23.4 million in 2014 and voluntary-funded income amounted to CHF 11.9 million.

4.5.7 The Council noted the recommendations of the External Auditor and that the Secretary-General had accepted all of them. The Council requested the Secretary-General to prioritize the implementation of the External Auditor's recommendations and to report on the status of their implementation to the Audit Committee.

4.5.8 The Council considered that the financial position of the World Meteorological Organization remained sound at the end of 2014.

4.5.9 The Council adopted [Resolution 10 \(EC-67\) – Financial statements of the World Meteorological Organization for the year 2014](#).

Appointment of the External Auditor

4.5.10 The Executive Council noted that in accordance with Resolution 11 (EC-LXIII) – Appointment of the External Auditor, the term of the External Auditor of WMO would expire on 30 June 2016.

4.5.11 The Executive Council noted that the Swiss Federal Audit Office and Auditor-General of Switzerland had indicated their willingness to serve a further term.

4.5.12 The Audit Committee recommended that the Director of the Swiss Federal Audit Office and Auditor-General of Switzerland be appointed to serve as the External Auditor of the World Meteorological Organization as from 1 July 2016 for a term of office to terminate on 30 June 2020.

4.5.13 The Executive Council decided to appoint the Director of the Swiss Federal Audit Office and Auditor-General of Switzerland to serve as the External Auditor of WMO as from 1 July 2016 for a second term of office to terminate on 30 June 2020, as provided for in Regulation 15.1.

4.5.14 The Executive Council adopted [Resolution 11 \(EC-67\) – Appointment of the External Auditor](#).

Report of the Chairperson of the Financial Advisory Committee

4.5.15 The Executive Council considered the report of the Financial Advisory Committee. It noted with appreciation the various recommendations of the Committee, as contained in [Annex VII to the present report](#), and took account of those recommendations in making its decisions under the various related agenda items. EC also took note of the various decisions of Seventeenth WMO Congress and took account of these in making its decisions under relevant agenda items.

4.6 WMO travel policy (agenda item 4.6)

4.6.1 Council took note of the implementation of a new travel policy for WMO staff as from 20 March 2015 and that a decision on the lump sum arrangement for travel on home leave or family visit will be taken in 2016.

4.6.2 The Council adopted [Resolution 12 \(EC-67\) – Rules governing payment of travel expenses and subsistence allowances in respect of non-staff members of WMO](#), to reflect the current practice of paying advances to travellers up to a maximum of 100% of the estimated costs.

4.6.3 The Council took note of the planned improvements in the area of travel process administration.

5. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (agenda item 5)

The Executive Council reviewed those of its previous resolutions which were still in force at the time of the sixty-seventh session and adopted [Resolution 13 \(EC-67\) – Review of previous resolutions of the Executive Council](#).

6. DATE AND PLACE OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH AND SIXTY-NINTH SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (agenda item 6)

6.1 The Council agreed that the sixty-eighth session would be held at the WMO headquarters from 15 to 24 June 2016.

6.2 The Council further tentatively scheduled the sixty-ninth session to be held at the WMO headquarters from 10 to 20 May 2017.

7. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION (agenda item 7)

The sixty-seventh session of the Executive Council closed at 5.20 p.m. on 17 June 2015.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SESSION

Resolution 1 (EC-67)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON WMO STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Noting:

- (1) Resolution 7 (EC-LXIII) – Executive Council Working Group on WMO Strategic and Operational Planning,
- (2) The *Abridged Final Report with Resolutions of the Sixty-fourth Session of the Executive Council* (WMO-No. 1092), general summary, paragraph 4.1.16, regarding the transfer of responsibility for future work on the socioeconomic benefits of weather, climate and water services to the Executive Council Working Group on Service Delivery,
- (3) The views of the Seventeenth Congress, expressed in the *Abridged Final Report with Resolutions of the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress* (WMO-No. 1157), general summary, paragraphs 7.7.1 to 7.7.3 on improvement of WMO processes and practices,
- (4) The *Abridged Final Report with Resolutions of the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress* (WMO-No.1157), general summary, paragraphs 7.9.1 to 7.9.3 on the Role and Operation of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services,
- (5) Resolution 69 (Cg-17) – WMO Strategic Plan (2016–2019),
- (6) Resolution 71 (Cg-17) – Preparation of the Strategic and Operating Plans 2020–2023,
- (7) Resolution 7 (Cg-17) – WMO Quality Management Framework, with regard to furthering the development of the WMO Quality Management Framework and streamlining the quality management aspects of all WMO Programmes and technical commission activities,
- (8) The views of the Seventeenth Congress on the number of seats in the Executive Council, their regional distribution and any changes, including in the context of: (a) the various challenges faced by the Organization as well as the benefits; (b) the costs of one or more additional seats; and (c) the adequate representation of Members and its importance for the Executive Council to fulfil its mandate,

Decides to re-establish the Executive Council Working Group on WMO Strategic and Operational Planning to carry out the following activities:

Strategic planning and budget

- (1) Improve and align the Organization-wide strategic, operational and budget planning process in accordance with the relevant decisions and requests of the Seventeenth Congress, in particular with respect to:
 - (a) The refinement of the key performance indicators;
 - (b) Monitoring of progress made in the implementation of the WMO Strategic Plan and evaluation of programme performance within the framework of the WMO Strategic Plan and Operating Plan 2016–2019;

- (c) The development of the next WMO Strategic Plan and WMO Operating Plan 2020–2023;
- (d) The review of WMO activities and Programmes and consideration of additional efficiencies and savings; rescoping of activities; use of programme support costs associated with voluntary contributions and analysis of the associated risks and opportunities;

Role and Operation of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services

- (2) Address and keep under review the evolution of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and WMO, particularly with respect to:
 - (a) The statements on the role and operation of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services for [directors of NMHSs](#) and [decision-makers](#), and a regular review of those statements;
 - (b) An assessment of the status of NMHSs and trend in the evolution of their role and operation;

Improvement of WMO processes and practices

- (3) Continue to introduce specific measures for improvement of WMO processes and practices;
- (4) Undertake a holistic review of the Organization, including its processes and working practices, in the implementation of the Strategic Plan 2016–2019;
- (5) Provide recommendations to the Executive Council on constituent body constructs, as appropriate, including possible new structures for the technical commissions, regional associations and the Executive Council, for further consideration by the Eighteenth Congress;
- (6) Provide recommendations to the Executive Council, for further consideration by the Eighteenth Congress, on rules, procedures, processes, working mechanisms and duties of constituent bodies, WMO officers, presidents of regional associations and technical commissions, and on their relationship with the Secretariat to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Organization and good governance;

Governance

- (7) Review the practices and operation including the selection process of members of the Executive Council and propose relevant amendments to the WMO Convention and related General Regulations for submission to the Eighteenth Congress taking into account:
 - (a) The increased involvement and engagement of all Permanent Representatives of Members;
 - (b) The implications for efficiency and effectiveness of the Executive Council while preserving the spirit of the Convention and recognizing the changed context within which WMO has been working since its establishment; and
 - (c) The financial implications related to the implementation of any proposed changes;

Quality Management Framework

- (8) On the basis of assessment by regional associations, technical commissions and the Secretariat, prepare a comprehensive proposal to the sixty-eighth session of the Executive

Council on the future WMO Quality Management Framework approach, including the needed supporting expertise and resources;

Authorizes the working group to establish subgroups and task teams as and when required, within available resources;

Requests the Secretary-General, within the available resources:

- (1) To support the activities of the working group;
- (2) To take appropriate action on the related issues.

Note: This resolution replaces Resolution 7 (EC-LXIII), which is no longer in force.

Resolution 2 (EC-67)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ADVISORY PANEL OF EXPERTS ON GENDER MAINSTREAMING

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Noting:

- (1) Resolution 54 (Cg-XVI) – WMO gender mainstreaming,
- (2) Resolution 6 (EC-LIX) – Executive Council Advisory Panel of Experts on Gender Mainstreaming,
- (3) Resolution 59 (Cg-17) – Gender equality and empowerment of women, and its annex: WMO Gender Equality Policy,
- (4) The Statement and the sector-specific recommendations of the Conference on the Gender Dimensions of Weather and Climate Services, held in Geneva from 5 to 7 November 2014 (*Conference Report – Conference on the Gender Dimensions of Weather and Climate Services* (WMO-No. 1148)),
- (5) The Progress Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the WMO Policy on Gender Mainstreaming, included in the *Abridged Final Report with Resolutions of the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress* (WMO-No. 1157), Part II,

Considering:

- (1) The ongoing review of implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (Beijing+20) and the remaining challenges identified,
- (2) The goal on gender equality and the empowerment of women envisioned in the post-2015 sustainable development agenda,
- (3) The outcomes of the third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (2015) with respect to integrating a gender perspective in disaster risk reduction and mobilizing women's leadership in building resilience,

- (4) The urgent need to effect gender mainstreaming in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of policies and programmes of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs), regional associations, technical commissions and the Secretariat,
- (5) The need to provide gender-sensitive weather, hydrological and climate services,
- (6) The requirement to ensure that trained, qualified and diligent professionals, regardless of gender, perform the work of WMO,

Recognizing the positive impact that gender diversity has on the quality of leadership and decisionmaking, and the need for all leaders – both women and men – to actively promote gender equality,

Decides to re-establish the Executive Council Advisory Panel of Experts on Gender Mainstreaming with the following terms of reference:

- (1) To oversee, advise and regularly report to the Executive Council on implementation of the WMO Gender Equality Policy and activities of WMO on gender mainstreaming at all levels of the Organization;
- (2) To contribute effectively to the efforts of WMO in promoting, encouraging and facilitating gender equality across the Organization, including Members and the Secretariat, in line with the WMO Strategic Plan;
- (3) To develop a WMO Gender Equality Action Plan for the seventeenth financial period and advise on its implementation, including specific strategies and activities to ensure gender mainstreaming in all activities of NMHSs, regional associations and technical commissions specifically in the areas of strategic planning, governance, employment, capacity development, policymaking, provision of gender-sensitive weather, hydrological and climate services, and monitoring and evaluation;
- (4) To recommend and support resource mobilization strategies for gender mainstreaming activities at WMO and in NMHSs;
- (5) To consider any other matters relating to gender mainstreaming that the Executive Council may deem necessary;

Requests the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to support the activities of this panel.

Note: This resolution replaces Resolution 6 (EC-LIX), which is no longer in force.

Resolution 3 (EC-67)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PANEL OF EXPERTS ON POLAR AND HIGH-MOUNTAIN OBSERVATIONS, RESEARCH AND SERVICES

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Noting:

- (1) Resolution 22 (Cg-17) – Global Observing System,

- (2) Resolution 23 (Cg-17) – Pre-operational phase of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System,
- (3) Resolution 41 (Cg-17) – Antarctic Observing Network,
- (4) Resolution 42 (Cg-17) – Amendments to the *Manual on the Global Observing System* (WMO-No 544), Volume II, Regional Aspects – The Antarctic,
- (5) Resolution 48 (Cg-17) – Global Integrated Polar Prediction System,
- (6) Resolution 49 (Cg-17) – Year of Polar Prediction,
- (7) Resolution 40 (Cg-17) – WMO polar and high-mountain activities,
- (8) Resolution 57 (Cg-17) – Participation of the World Meteorological Organization in the International Polar Partnership Initiative,
- (9) Resolution 60 (Cg-XVI) – Global Cryosphere Watch,
- (10) Resolution 5 (EC-LXIII) – Executive Council Panel of Experts on Polar Observations, Research and Services,

Considering:

- (1) That the Polar regions, the "Third Pole", and other high-mountain areas are extremely important in terms of their impacts on weather, climate and water, and the functioning of the Earth system,
- (2) That the cryosphere, which encompasses approximately 100 countries, the Arctic ocean and the Antarctic, is an integrative element within the climate system and provides one of the most useful indicators of climate change, yet it is arguably the most under-sampled domain in the climate system,
- (3) That the Polar regions are experiencing an increase in human presence and activities, requiring new or enhanced services linked to weather, climate, water and related environmental matters,
- (4) That there are concerns about amplification of climate change at higher latitudes, combined with an increasing interest in Polar regions by many governments, which call for a better understanding of weather, climate, water and related environmental variability and change in order to improve our ability to make reliable quantitative predictions across the range of timescales,
- (5) That cryosphere-related feedbacks in the amplification of climate change cause impacts on weather, climate and water globally,
- (6) That there remain key gaps in scientific understanding of processes and interactions in Polar regions, including boundary layer behaviour, polar clouds and precipitation, sea ice/ocean dynamics, hydrology, permafrost and ice sheet dynamics, and the functioning of the Earth system,
- (7) That there is a continuing need for (a) weather, climate, hydrological and related environmental data from the Polar regions, including enhancement and development of instruments and methods of observation suited to these areas; and (b) the full implementation of the World Weather Watch and the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS). For the full realization of the value of research, monitoring and prediction in the fields of hydrology, climate change, atmospheric composition and the ozone layer over the Polar regions, observational networks in these regions need to be closely

coordinated with the implementation of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS) and designed to improve in a most efficient way the capability of Members to provide a widening range of operational services and better serve research programme requirements,

- (8) That there is an ongoing need to formalize the WMO responsibilities for the Antarctic as a region not covered by any of the regional associations, and that the establishment and maintenance of an Antarctic Observing Network (AntON) of surface and upper-air stations to meet the requirements of Members are among the most important obligations of Members under Article 2 of the WMO Convention,
- (9) That the density of the current Antarctic observing network of surface and upper-air stations is much less than what is needed to properly characterize Antarctic weather and climate,
- (10) That cryospheric operational and research observing networks, including AntON, should be integrated within the framework of WIGOS and the WMO Information System (WIS) and enhanced to include cryosphere-related variables according to the Global Cryosphere Watch (GCW) Implementation Plan,
- (11) That the Seventeenth Congress decided to continue the decadal endeavour towards a Global Integrated Polar Prediction System (GIPPS), as an International Polar Year (IPY) legacy to benefit the global community,
- (12) That the Seventeenth Congress noted the concept document for the International Polar Partnership Initiative (IPPI) and agreed to participate in IPPI,
- (13) That the Seventeenth Congress decided to implement the GCW during the next financial period as one of the major efforts of the Organization with the goal that GCW should become operational,
- (14) That the high-mountain activities will be part of the development and implementation of the GCW,

Decides:

- (1) To establish the Executive Council Panel of Experts on Polar and High-mountain Observations, Research and Services;
- (2) That the Panel shall be composed of members nominated by the Permanent Representatives of Members, including Parties to the Antarctic Treaty, and participants from other organizations that have active meteorological, hydrological, oceanographic or cryospheric programmes, in particular in the Polar regions;
- (3) That observers from other groups may be invited to attend meetings of the Panel;
- (4) That the Panel, within its terms of reference, shall make recommendations to the Executive Council on AntON and applicable standard practices, especially updates of the relevant parts of the *Manual on the Global Observing System* (WMO-No. 544), the *Manual on the Global Telecommunication System* (WMO-No. 386) and the *Manual on the Global Data-processing and Forecasting System* (WMO-No. 485), as well as other relevant Manuals and Guides, such as those on WIS, WIGOS and services to users in the Polar regions;
- (5) That the Panel will undertake the following:

For Polar regions:

- (a) To develop and promote an integrated approach to understanding the global impact of changes in Polar regions so that the required services may be provided to users and governments may be advised on aspects of adaptation;

- (b) To ensure that operational and research observing networks in Polar regions (including AntON) are integrated within the framework of WIGOS and WIS and are enhanced to include cryosphere-related variables;
- (c) To engage in a concerted effort to involve Members, technical commissions and regional associations, as well as relevant research and international organizations and bodies, in improving predictive capability in Polar regions on timescales from hours to centuries;
- (d) To establish a high-level WMO partnership in activities aimed at securing the IPY observing system legacy in close cooperation with operational agencies in Member countries and international organizations that have a great interest in Polar regions, such as the Sustaining Arctic Observing Network;
- (e) To oversee and guide the development and implementation of GCW in collaboration with technical commissions, regional associations and relevant WMO and international programmes, organizations, institutions and bodies;
- (f) To oversee and guide the Polar Space Task Group (PSTG), which provides coordination across space agencies to facilitate acquisition and distribution of fundamental satellite datasets, and to contribute to or support development of specific derived products for cryospheric scientific research and applications;
- (g) To guide the development of GIPPS in collaboration with technical commissions, regional associations and relevant international programmes, organizations and bodies;
- (h) To coordinate WMO participation in the IPPI;
- (i) To facilitate the acquisition, exchange and archiving of observational data from Polar regions in compliance with WIGOS requirements related to instruments, data exchange and the Quality Management Framework, to underpin the provision of services required for the Polar regions;
- (j) To provide a forum for discussion of relevant scientific issues and make recommendations on meteorological, hydrological, oceanographic and cryospheric research and operations related to the Polar regions;
- (k) To provide regular input on issues related to polar meteorology, hydrology, oceanography and the cryosphere to support the activities of relevant groups or bodies, such as the World Climate Programme, which includes the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS), the World Climate Research Programme and the World Climate Services Programme; the Global Atmosphere Watch Programme (GAW); the World Weather Research Programme; the Global Framework for Climate Services; and technical commissions, regional associations and Programmes;
- (l) To ensure close collaboration with and contribute to other international organizations, committees and programmes concerned, such as the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting, the Arctic Council, the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research, the International Arctic Science Committee, the International Association of Cryospheric Sciences and other relevant associations of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics, the Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programmes, the Forum of Arctic Research Operators, the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and the International Hydrological Programme of UNESCO;

For the Antarctic:

The Panel should cooperate, as appropriate, with other relevant international and regional entities:

- (a) To promote the implementation of the resolutions of Congress and the Executive Council in the area, from 60°S to 90°S;
- (b) To coordinate programmes of surface and upper-air meteorological observations in the Antarctic, working with relevant international scientific organizations, and liaise with regional associations in relation to sub-Antarctic observations;
- (c) To coordinate the design of AntON, comprising surface and upper-air stations, including the GCOS Surface Network, GCOS Upper-air Network, Global Atmosphere Watch (GAW) and other relevant observing components;
- (d) To coordinate standardization of observing, coding, data exchange and data management practices applied to the Antarctic;
- (e) To propose recommendations to the Antarctic Treaty System;

For the Arctic:

- (a) While appropriate functions are covered by the respective regional associations, the Panel may liaise with them in defining components of Arctic observing systems and services;
- (b) To guide, in collaboration with the Commission for Hydrology, the development of the Arctic Hydrological Cycle Observing System (Arctic-HYCOS) Project;

For the high-mountain regions:

To contribute to the work of regional associations, technical commissions and programmes in defining appropriate components of hydrometeorological and cryospheric observing systems and services in high-mountain regions;

Authorizes the Panel to establish subgroups and task teams as and when required, including in particular an Antarctic Task Team, a PSTG, a GCW Steering Group, and GCW Teams, including a High-mountain Task Team;

Requests the Secretary-General:

- (1) To maintain the membership of the Panel in accordance with the relevant General Regulations in consultation with the co-chairpersons and Members concerned;
- (2) To formally invite the Arctic Council Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme, the International Arctic Science Committee and the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research to participate in the Panel as members;
- (3) To provide the necessary support to activities and sessions of the Panel, including the GCW working structure, and liaise with relevant international organizations, programmes and bodies.

Note: This resolution replaces Resolution 5 (EC-LXIII), which is no longer in force.

Resolution 4 (EC-67)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PANEL OF EXPERTS ON CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Noting:

- (1) Resolution 69 (Cg-17) – WMO Strategic Plan 2016–2019,
- (2) Resolution 50 (Cg-17) – Capacity Development Programme,
- (3) Resolution 54 (Cg-17) – Programme for WMO Small Island Developing States and Member Island Territories,
- (4) Resolution 55 (Cg-17) – WMO Regional Programme,
- (5) Resolution 33 (Cg-XVI) – WMO Programme for Least Developed Countries,
- (6) Resolution 24 (Cg-XV) – The WMO Voluntary Cooperation Programme,
- (7) Resolution 49 (Cg-XVI) – WMO Strategy for Capacity Development,
- (8) Resolution 51 (Cg-17) – Education and Training Programme,

Considering the need for a mechanism for an ongoing review of the issues related to capacity development of Members in respect of the WMO Capacity Development Programme, the Capacity Development Strategy (CDS) and the WMO Strategic Plan 2016–2019, in particular Expected Result 6: Strengthened Capacity Development,

Decides:

- (1) To establish the Executive Council Panel of Experts on Capacity Development to advise the Executive Council on harmonizing and promoting capacity development activities across WMO Programmes and high-priority areas;
- (2) To request the Panel of Experts on Capacity Development to:
 - (a) Develop and/or review guidance materials on the implementation of the Capacity Development Strategy to be provided by WMO and its partners to Members, in particular developing and least developed countries, WMO Small Island Developing States and Member Island Territories;
 - (b) Develop advice for the Executive Council to be provided to Members, development partners, constituent bodies (regional associations and technical commissions) and the Secretary-General in order to harmonize the implementation of activities related to the Capacity Development Strategy in 2016–2019;
 - (c) Monitor and review the Capacity Development Programme and progress in the implementation of the WMO Capacity Development Strategy;
 - (d) Provide guidance and advice in establishing strategic partnerships with external stakeholders;
- (3) That to achieve these objectives the Panel shall:
 - (a) Prepare a CDS Implementation Plan (CDSIP) for the 2016–2019 intersessional period, based on the priorities set by Congress, the Council and regional associations, with

clear responsibilities and measurable outcomes, to be approved by the Executive Council at its sixty-eight session. Reports on implementation shall be submitted to the Executive Council on an annual basis and to the Eighteenth session of Congress;

- (b) Provide guidance to, and seek advice from, the Informal Planning Meeting regarding the Voluntary Cooperation Programme and related WMO Trust Funds;
- (c) Strengthen the interface between technical and human resource development, including establishment of appropriate coordination with the Executive Council Panel of Experts on Education and Training, technical commissions and other subsidiary bodies of the Executive Council in matters related to capacity development;
- (d) Strengthen the interface between WMO and relevant organizations leading to enhanced capacity development of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services;
- (e) Invite funding and development agencies including official development agencies, the World Bank and the European Commission to contribute to the work of the Panel;
- (f) Invite experts and representatives of stakeholder communities in capacity development to participate in the work of the Panel, as appropriate;

Authorizes the Panel to establish task teams as and when required;

Requests the Secretary-General to promote the active participation of all WMO departments leading to externally funded development projects and to take action to support the Panel's activities, within the approved budget and through available extrabudgetary funding;

Invites the Chairperson, in consultation with Panel members, to propose to the Executive Council any changes to these terms of reference as may be needed.

Note: This resolution replaces Resolution 21 (EC-64), which is no longer in force.

Resolution 5 (EC-67)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WORKING GROUP ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Noting:

- (1) The WMO Strategic Plan 2016–2019,
- (2) Resolution 6 (EC-LXIII) – Executive Council Working Group on Service Delivery,
- (3) Resolution 5 (Cg-17) – Public Weather Services Programme,
- (4) Resolution 2 (Cg-17) – Implementation of the WMO Strategy for Service Delivery,
- (5) Resolution 23 (Cg-XVI) – Tropical Cyclone Programme,
- (6) Resolution 24 (Cg-XVI) – Marine Meteorology and Oceanography Programme,
- (7) Resolution 48 (Cg-XVI) – Implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services,

- (8) Resolution 52 (Cg-XVI) – Disaster Risk Reduction Programme,
- (9) Resolutions 9 (Cg-17) – Identifiers for cataloguing extreme weather, water and climate events,
- (10) Resolution 10 (Cg-17) – Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 and WMO participation in the International Network for Multi-hazard Early Warning Systems,
- (11) Resolution 53 (Cg-XVI) – Aeronautical Meteorology Programme,

Recognizing that:

- (1) The vision of the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Programme is to enhance, in a more collaborative, cost-effective, systematic and sustainable manner, the science-based contributions of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) to the protection of lives, livelihoods and property, through strengthened capabilities and partnerships in the field of DRR, at national and international levels,
- (2) Disaster risk reduction is a cross-cutting issue requiring the expertise and collaboration of weather, climate and hydrological professionals, disaster risk management practitioners, social and economic specialists and sectoral experts,
- (3) The WMO DRR Roadmap outlines the role and contribution of NMHSs in the entire disaster risk management process,
- (4) That the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 addresses risks from all hazards, both natural and man-made, with many provisions highly relevant to NMHSs,

Decides to establish an Executive Council Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction with the following terms of reference:

- (1) To provide guidance on implementation of the DRR Programme, in particular with respect to:
 - (a) Aligning the DRR Programme with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction;
 - (b) Developing the WMO DRR Roadmap and its subsequent updates as required;
 - (c) Strengthening coordination mechanisms among WMO Programmes, technical commissions, regional associations, the Secretariat and relevant partners and co-sponsored programmes;
 - (d) Reviewing the implementation approaches and outcomes of the regional/national cooperation projects and programmes in DRR, and assessing their effectiveness; developing new projects and/or expanding existing ones;
 - (e) Documenting good practices and developing guidelines in the thematic areas of the DRR Programme;
 - (f) Standardization of hazard information for loss and damage assessment;
 - (g) Capacity development approaches for WMO DRR activities;
 - (h) Engaging NMHSs to fully support, as an important contributor to disaster risk management, national reconstruction and DRR planning following a major disaster;
 - (i) Coordinating emergency response activities, such as those related to air-borne hazards;

- (j) Strengthening cooperation and coordination between providers of weather-, climate- and hydrology-related products and services and users (customers) in the public and private sectors, including the media, academia, social and economic sciences, international and intergovernmental agencies and non-governmental organizations, at national and international levels;
 - (k) Strategies and priorities that can be applied by NMHSs in the implementation of the WMO Strategy for Service Delivery, in particular in early warning;
 - (l) Participation of WMO in the International Network for Multi-hazard Early Warning Systems;
- (2) To provide advice, guidance and recommendations for more effective engagement of WMO Programmes involved in DRR and service delivery activities with the GFCS, in particular the User Interface Programme;
 - (3) To monitor progress made with the above-mentioned terms of reference and report back to the Executive Council;

Authorizes the working group to establish subgroups and task teams as and when required;

Requests the Secretary-General to support the work of the working group.

Note: This resolution replaces Resolution 6 (EC-LXIII), which is no longer in force.

Resolution 6 (EC-67)

A MECHANISM TO ADVANCE WMO CONTRIBUTION TO THE GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR CLIMATE SERVICES

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Noting:

- (1) Resolution 3 (EC-66) – Coordination between regional associations and technical commissions,
- (2) Resolution 15 (Cg-17) – World Climate Programme,
- (3) Resolution 62 (Cg-17) – Relationship and interaction between the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services and WMO constituent bodies,
- (4) Resolution 64 (Cg-17) – Development of a results-based framework for WMO support to the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services,

Considering the request of the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress for the Executive Council to:

- (1) Ensure effective coordination among all the bodies responsible for the implementation of the World Climate Programme (WCP), including through setting up appropriate mechanisms therefor,
- (2) Explore, implement and monitor, within available resources, a mechanism to advance WMO contribution to the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS), taking into

account previous successes, such as the Intercommission Coordination Group on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System, in line with a results-based framework, with the participation of relevant technical commissions, regional association working groups and co-sponsored programmes,

Recognizing that Resolution 3 (EC-66) establishes various coordination mechanisms for strengthening the linkages and collaboration between regional associations and technical commissions in order to improve the implementation of WMO Programmes in the framework of the results-based management of the Organization, including through regular joint meetings of presidents of regional associations and presidents of technical commissions to be held at least annually,

Recognizing further:

- (1) That Resolution 62 (Cg-17) provides a series of mechanisms to establish and maintain the relationship and interaction between the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS) and the constituent bodies of WMO as well as substructures of partner organizations,
- (2) That the Seventeenth Congress specifically decided that the IBCS Chairperson, with a Vice-Chairperson as alternate, unless they are Executive Council members themselves, shall be invited to inform the Council at its sessions of progress, requirements and needs of the IBCS, and that the IBCS Chairperson shall extend an invitation to the Executive Council to designate a representative to attend sessions of the IBCS and of its Management Committee,

Decides:

- (1) To establish a mechanism to advance WMO contribution to the GFCS through the regular joint meetings of presidents of regional associations and presidents of technical commissions;
- (2) To invite additional participants to extended sessions of these joint meetings, including representatives from the Executive Council, co-sponsored constituent programmes of the WCP, namely the Global Climate Observing System, the World Climate Research Programme, and the Global Programme of Research on Climate Change Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation, and other parties whose participation may be required;

Requests the President, as chairperson of these joint meetings, to lead a review, to be carried out at the first meeting by the representatives of the relevant bodies and programmes, of the annex to the present resolution, to finalize the terms of reference for future work and make recommendations to the sixty-eighth session of the Executive Council;

Requests the Secretary-General to provide the necessary assistance and support to the functions described in the terms of reference, within the available budgetary resources.

Annex to Resolution 6 (EC-67)

INTERCOMMISSION COORDINATION GROUP FOR THE WMO CONTRIBUTION TO THE GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR CLIMATE SERVICES OR, ALTERNATIVELY, WMO COORDINATION GROUP FOR THE GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR CLIMATE SERVICES

INITIAL DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

Noting that the technical commissions, technical programmes and regional associations can assist Members to develop and establish the key GFCS components (or pillars) through WIGOS/WIS,

seamless data processing and forecasting systems and the implementation of the WMO Strategy for Service Delivery,

Considering the need to:

- (1) Strengthen the specification of requirements and the efficient development and delivery of WMO contributions to valued GFCS services, products and outcomes,
- (2) Ensure that technical approaches at the core of seamless forecasting and data exchange that support the GFCS should be compatible with the work WMO does to support other cross-cutting priorities, including DRR, thus ensuring alignment and cohesion,
- (3) Improve the coordination of WMO activities across the priority GFCS sectors and, where appropriate, coordinate with technical activities in partner agencies through the GFCS Partner Advisory Committee,
- (4) Assist Members through improved alignment of projects and capacity development activities to reflect needs across all GFCS pillars and to support all related WMO and national priorities, and
- (5) Ensure that WMO contributions to GFCS are well aligned with the overall aims and objectives of GFCS, as guided and overseen by the IBCS.

Decides:

- (1) To establish the Inter-Commission Coordination Group for WMO's contribution to the GFCS (or alternatively the WMO Coordination Group for the GFCS (WCG-GFCS)) with Terms of Reference as follows:
 - (a) Align and coordinate work plans and schedules related to GFCS amongst technical commissions, regional associations, WMO Programmes and relevant co-sponsored activities (such as DRR, GCOS, WIGOS, WCRP, WWRP, etc.) in the context of a results-based framework for WMO's contribution to the GFCS;
 - (b) Collect and develop coordinated specifications of requirements for the development of well-targeted and, to the extent possible, integrated GFCS projects and ensure coordination of WMO contribution to the projects;
 - (c) Collect and develop coordinated specification of requirements for the development of GFCS information, underpinning research, products and services across the identified priority sectors and ensure coordination of WMO contribution to them;
 - (d) Develop relevant regulatory material and guidance to assist Members in the implementation of GFCS activities, taking into account the GFCS pillars and identified priority areas;
 - (e) Reflect through all aspects of its work, guidance from Executive Council in relation to the implementation of WMO's contribution to GFCS, including relative priorities for specific projects, products and services, and capacity development activities;
 - (f) Report regularly to the Executive Council and amend its terms of reference as required in accordance with EC directions; and
 - (g) Report regularly to the IBCS;
- (2) That ICG-GFCS (or WCG-GFCS) will consist of:
 - (a) The Chairperson of the IBCS or one of its delegates;

- (b) One representative of each regional association, designated by its president;
 - (c) One representative of each technical commission, designated by its president;
 - (d) One representative of governance/coordination mechanisms for each of the following Programmes and relevant co-sponsored activities: DRR, GCOS, WIGOS, WCRP, WWRP and others as relevant to GFCS pillars and priority areas;
- (3) That the Chairperson of the ICG-GFCS (or WCG-GFCS) may seek advice from experts, including from other relevant organizations, as and when required;
 - (4) That to the extent possible, the ICG-GFCS (or WCG-GFCS) should utilize existing technical collaboration mechanisms, such as Inter-programme and Inter-regional Expert Teams, to conduct specific tasks, but where needed and to the extent permitted by budgetary resources, task teams may be established to address specific tasks.
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Resolution 7 (EC-67)

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TASK TEAM ON DATA POLICY AND EMERGING ISSUES

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Noting:

- (1) Resolution 40 (Cg-XII) – WMO policy and practice for the exchange of meteorological and related data and products including guidelines on relationships in commercial meteorological activities,
- (2) Resolution 25 (Cg-XIII) – Exchange of hydrological data and products,
- (3) Resolution 48 (Cg-XVI) – Implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services,
- (4) Resolution 60 (Cg-17) – WMO policy for the international exchange of climate data and products to support the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services,
- (5) Resolution 65 (Cg-17) – Towards a WMO approach to emerging data challenges,
- (6) Resolution 4 (EC-64) – Executive Council Task Team on the WMO policy for international exchange of climate data and products to support the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services,

Considering:

- (1) The concerns of many Members regarding the implications of commercializing data and services, the dual role of some NMHSs in providing public goods as well as commercial services, trends towards open data policies, and the emergence of ‘Big Data’, crowdsourced data and data from social media,
- (2) The request by the Seventeenth Congress for the Executive Council to oversee:
 - (a) Aspects of and contributions to the implementation of the WMO policy for international exchange of climate data and products to support the GFCS,

- (b) A review of the challenges and risks, opportunities and benefits related to 'Big Data', crowdsourced data, social media as well as emerging and future data sources, and their potential impact on Members,

Decides:

- (1) To establish an Executive Council Task Team on Data Policy and Emerging Issues;
- (2) To adopt the terms of reference of the Task Team as contained in the annex to the present resolution;
- (3) That the membership of the Task Team shall include one representative from each of the following:
 - (a) Every regional association, nominated by the president of each regional association;
 - (b) The Commission for Climatology, the Commission for Basic Systems, the Commission for Hydrology, the Commission for Agricultural Meteorology, the Commission for Atmospheric Sciences and the Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology, nominated by the presidents of these Commissions;
 - (c) The Joint WMO/IOC Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology, nominated by the co-presidents of the Commission;
 - (d) The Executive Council Panel of Experts on Polar and High-mountain Observations, Research and Services, nominated by the chairperson;
 - (e) The Joint Scientific Committee of the World Climate Research Programme, nominated by the chairperson;
 - (f) The Intercommission Coordination Group on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System, nominated by the chairperson;

Requests the Secretary-General:

- (1) To take action to support the activities of the Task Team;
- (2) To take action on the related issues and to keep Members and other pertinent international organizations informed on relevant developments.

Note: This resolution replaces Resolution 4 (EC-64), which is no longer in force.

Annex to Resolution 7 (EC-67)**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TASK TEAM ON DATA POLICY AND EMERGING ISSUES****TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Taking into account the outcomes of the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress, including adoption of the WMO policy for international exchange of climate data and products to support the implementation of the GFCS and the decision to undertake a review, by the Commission for Basic Systems (CBS), in coordination with other technical commissions, in particular the Commission for Hydrology, with Executive Council oversight, of the challenges and risks, opportunities and benefits related to 'Big Data', 'Crowd-Sourced Data', 'Social Media' as well as emerging and future

data sources, and their potential impact on Members (hereinafter “emerging data issues”), the Task Team shall undertake work in two areas, establishing sub-groups as necessary to complete these tasks:

- (1) Oversee a review of emerging data issues:
 - (a) Provide guidance to CBS and the other relevant technical commissions on developing the terms of reference for the review, taking into account the points raised concerning emerging data issues during the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress;
 - (b) Provide input and guidance to CBS and the other relevant technical commissions during the implementation of the review;
 - (c) Refer the completed review to the Executive Council, providing advice to inform the Executive Council’s decisions concerning the outcomes of the review and making recommendations to the Executive Council to inform its subsequent report on the outcomes of the review to the Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress;
- (2) Monitor and contribute to implementation of the WMO policy for international exchange of climate data and products to support the implementation of the GFCS:
 - (a) Review emerging data requirements from GFCS implementation:
 1. Take into consideration the recommendations by the IBCS with regard to its needs for GFCS relevant data and products developed or acquired under WMO auspices and, if necessary, make recommendations to the Executive Council concerning proposals to Congress for changes to the Annex to Resolution 60 (Cg-17), taking into consideration the views of the IBCS with respect to the issues that may arise with the implementation of the Resolution;
 2. Make recommendations to the Executive Council with respect to tasking the technical commissions, as appropriate, to regularly review and update the GFCS relevant data and products to be provided by the global and regional climate centres, with a view to increasing the access to and availability of GFCS relevant data and products;
 - (b) Monitor the implementation of the policy and related practices:
 1. Make recommendations to the Executive Council concerning requirements from the Commission for Climatology and the Commission for Basic Systems, in collaboration with other technical commissions, for advice and assistance on the technical aspects of Resolution 60 (Cg-17) implementation and to ensure that appropriate standards are identified, implemented and maintained;
 2. Regularly consult with Members concerning the impacts of the policy and its implementation and make recommendations to the Executive Council as necessary concerning proposals in this respect to the Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress;
 3. Examine and reflect to the Executive Council the findings of the global survey and analysis of Members’ various data policies and models of service provision (e.g. cost recovery, public services), and associated successful strategies and best practices, as requested of the Secretary-General in Resolution 60 (Cg-17), and the implications of the findings for future implementation of the policy;
 4. Provide advice to the Executive Council with respect to changes and adjustments needed to shape WMO Programmes to enhance the capabilities of Members, especially least developed countries (LDCs), Small Island Developing States

(SIDS), developing countries, and countries vulnerable to climate-related hazards, to implement the policy and to provide, deliver and improve access to GFCS relevant data and products to adequately respond to user needs and to enable their use in decision-making by all relevant societal sectors;

- (3) Prepare a report to the Executive Council for consideration at its sixty-eighth session and subsequent sessions as necessary until all items in these terms of reference have been completed.

Resolution 8 (EC-67)

INTERCOMMISSION COORDINATION GROUP ON THE WMO INTEGRATED GLOBAL OBSERVING SYSTEM

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Noting:

- (1) Resolution 23 (Cg-17) – Pre-operational phase of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System,
- (2) Resolution 25 (Cg-17) – *Technical Regulations* (WMO-No. 49), Volume I, Part I – WMO Integrated Global Observing System,
- (3) Resolution 26 (Cg-17) – *Technical Regulations* (WMO-No. 49) – Manual on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System,
- (4) Resolution 4 (EC-LXIII) – Intercommission Coordination Group on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System,

Considering the request of the Seventeenth Congress for the Executive Council to:

- (1) Oversee the further development of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS),
- (2) Re-establish the Intercommission Coordination Group on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (ICG-WIGOS) with strengthened regional representation to monitor and guide the development and implementation of WIGOS,
- (3) Update the terms of reference of the ICG accordingly,

Recognizing the need to increase the involvement of the Executive Council in the governance of WIGOS in order to facilitate the development and uptake of WIGOS at the national level,

Decides:

- (1) To re-establish the Intercommission Coordination Group on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System with the following terms of reference:
 - (a) To complement WIGOS regulatory material with the necessary guidance information and technical guidelines incorporated in the Guide to WIGOS, and assist Members in the implementation of the WIGOS-related Technical Regulations, including best practices and procedures on: (i) WIGOS Metadata; (ii) Station Identifiers; (iii) the Observing Systems Capability Analysis and Review tool (OSCAR)/Surface; (iv)

integration of data from a broad range of non-NMHS sources and establishment of formal data agreements with the respective providers;

- (b) To provide technical guidance, assistance and advice to Members and Regions in developing and implementing their WIGOS national and regional plans;
 - (c) To continue to promote capacity development, communication and outreach activities to assist Members and Regions in the implementation of WIGOS;
 - (d) To coordinate WIGOS activities with the implementation of the WMO Information System and other WMO key priorities;
 - (e) To coordinate further development of the WIGOS Operational Information Resource (WIR), with special emphasis on the operational deployment of OSCAR and its databases;
 - (f) To develop and implement the WIGOS data availability and quality monitoring system, including guidance material incorporated in the Guide to WIGOS;
 - (g) To develop a concept and provide technical guidance and assistance for the establishment and further development of regional WIGOS centres in each WMO Region;
 - (h) To coordinate, in conjunction with the activities of the Commission for Climatology on management of climate data life cycle and with related activities of the Commission for Basic Systems, the development of guidance material that should include high-level principles and strategies for data management within the broader WMO context;
 - (i) To coordinate activities with the development of WIS to ensure that appropriate standards are put in place for long-term preservation of observational information and associated observation metadata;
 - (j) To make recommendations, within its terms of reference, to the Executive Council and Congress, including on updates of the *Technical Regulations* (WMO-No. 49), Volume I, Part I, and its Annex IX – Manual on WMO Integrated Global Observing System, as well as of the Guide to the WMO Integrated Global Observing System and other WIGOS-related WMO Guides;
 - (k) To address major issues identified by the Executive Council and provide technical advice on the further development and implementation of WIGOS;
 - (l) To report to subsequent sessions of the Council on progress in WIGOS development and implementation;
- (2) That ICG-WIGOS shall consist of:
- (a) One representative of each regional association, designated by its president;
 - (b) One representative of each technical commission, designated by its president;
- (3) That the chairperson may seek advice from or invite experts from other WIGOS relevant organizations, as and when required;

Further decides that the Executive Council focal points on WIGOS shall be members of ICG-WIGOS to ensure a close link with the Council;

Designates the presidents of the Commission for Basic Systems and the Commission for Instruments and Methods of Observation or their representatives as co-chairpersons of ICG-WIGOS;

Requests the Intercommission Coordination Group on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System to develop and submit the draft Plan for the WIGOS Pre-operational Phase to the sixty-eighth session of the Executive Council for approval;

Requests the ICG-WIGOS co-chairpersons and the Executive Council focal points to provide a recommendation for the sixty-eighth session of the Executive Council on ways of strengthening the role of the Council in the governance of the WIGOS pre-operational phase;

Authorizes ICG-WIGOS to establish its editorial board, subgroups and task teams as and when required, taking into account resource limitations;

Requests the Secretary-General:

- (1) To maintain the membership of ICG-WIGOS in accordance with the relevant General Regulations and decisions of the Council, in consultation with the chairperson and Members concerned;
- (2) To provide the necessary assistance and support to activities and sessions of ICG-WIGOS, within the available budgetary resources;

Invites the WMO/IOC/UNEP/ICSU Steering Committee for the Global Climate Observing System, the WMO/ICSU/IOC Joint Scientific Committee for the World Climate Research Programme, the WMO/IOC/UNEP/ICSU Steering Committee for the Global Ocean Observing System, and the Coordination Group for Meteorological Satellites to participate in relevant activities of ICG-WIGOS and collaborate with WMO on further development and implementation of WIGOS.

Note: This resolution replaces Resolution 4 (EC-LXIII), which is no longer in force.

Resolution 9 (EC-67)

BUDGET FOR THE 2016–2017 BIENNIUM

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Noting:

- (1) Paragraph 6.5 of Article 6 and paragraph 7.7 of Article 7 of the Financial Regulations,
- (2) Resolution 70 (Cg-17) – Maximum expenditure for the seventeenth financial period (2016–2019),
- (3) Resolution 75 (Cg-17) – Assessment of proportional contributions of Members for the seventeenth financial period,

Adopts the regular budget for the biennium 2016–2017 of CHF 136,557,400 by Expected Results as given in Annex 1 to this resolution;

Requests the Secretary-General to initially set aside from the approved 2016–2017 budget resources an amount of CHF 3.0 million, with the understanding that these funds may be released by the Council should the reductions envisaged for 2016–2017 be achieved later than currently expected;

Notes the annual breakdown of the biennial budget as shown in Annex 2 and the breakdown by direct and apportioned costs as shown in Annex 3 to this resolution;

Also notes that the contributions of Members will be assessed in accordance with Resolution 75 (Cg-17).

Annex 1 to Resolution 9 (EC-67)

REGULAR BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2016–2017 BY EXPECTED RESULTS (in Swiss francs)

Expected Result	Total
1 Improved service quality and service delivery: Enhanced capabilities of Members to deliver and improve access to high-quality weather, climate, hydrological and related environmental predictions, information, warnings and services in response to users' needs and to enable their use in decision-making by relevant societal sectors.	12,490,500
2 Reduced Disaster Risk: Enhanced capabilities of Members to reduce risks and potential impacts of hazards caused by weather, climate, water and related environmental elements.	4,963,200
3 Improved Data Processing, Modelling and Forecasting: Enhanced capabilities of Members to produce better weather, climate, water and related environmental information, predictions and warnings to support, in particular, reduced disaster risk and climate impact and adaptation strategies.	12,306,000
4 Improved Observations and Data Exchange: Enhanced capabilities of Members to access, develop, implement and use integrated and interoperable Earth- and space-based observation systems for weather, climate and hydrological observations, as well as related environmental and space weather observations, based on world standards set by WMO.	20,345,000
5 Advance Targeted Research: Enhanced capabilities of Members to contribute to and draw benefits from the global research capability for weather, climate, water and related environmental science and technology development.	12,962,800
6 Strengthened Capacity Development: Enhanced capabilities of Members' NMHSs, in particular, in developing and least developed countries and Small Island Developing States, to fulfil their mandates.	27,919,300
7 Strengthened Partnerships: New and strengthened partnerships and cooperation activities to improve NMHSs' performance in delivering services and to demonstrate the value of WMO contributions within the United Nations system, relevant regional organizations, international conventions and national strategies.	10,979,900
8 Improved Efficiency and Effectiveness: Ensured effective functioning of policy-making and constituent bodies and oversight of the Organization.	34,590,700
Total Regular Budget 2016–2017	136,557,400

Annex 2 to Resolution 9 (EC-67)**REGULAR BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2016–2017 BY YEAR**
(in Swiss francs)

	Expected Result	2016	2017	Total
1	Improved service quality and service delivery: Enhanced capabilities of Members to deliver and improve access to high-quality weather, climate, hydrological and related environmental predictions, information, warnings and services in response to users' needs and to enable their use in decision-making by relevant societal sectors.	6,473,400	6,017,100	12,490,500
2	Reduced Disaster Risk: Enhanced capabilities of Members to reduce risks and potential impacts of hazards caused by weather, climate, water and related environmental elements.	2,618,200	2,345,000	4,963,200
3	Improved Data Processing, Modelling and Forecasting: Enhanced capabilities of Members to produce better weather, climate, water and related environmental information, predictions and warnings to support, in particular, reduced disaster risk and climate impact and adaptation strategies.	6,567,500	5,738,500	12,306,000
4	Improved Observations and Data Exchange: Enhanced capabilities of Members to access, develop, implement and use integrated and interoperable Earth- and space-based observation systems for weather, climate and hydrological observations, as well as related environmental and space weather observations, based on world standards set by WMO.	11,184,300	9,160,700	20,345,000
5	Advance Targeted Research: Enhanced capabilities of Members to contribute to and draw benefits from the global research capability for weather, climate, water and related environmental science and technology development.	6,440,600	6,522,200	12,962,800
6	Strengthened Capacity Development: Enhanced capabilities of Members' NMHSs, in particular, in developing and least developed countries and Small Island Developing States, to fulfil their mandates.	14,482,200	13,437,100	27,919,300
7	Strengthened Partnerships: New and strengthened partnerships and cooperation activities to improve NMHSs' performance in delivering services and to demonstrate the value of WMO contributions within the United Nations system, relevant regional organizations, international conventions and national strategies.	5,672,000	5,307,900	10,979,900
8	Improved Efficiency and Effectiveness: Ensured effective functioning of policy-making and constituent bodies and oversight of the Organization.	17,967,500	16,623,200	34,590,700
Total Regular Budget 2016–2017		71,405,700	65,151,700	136,557,400

Annex 3 to Resolution 9 (EC-67)

**REGULAR BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 2016–2017
BY DIRECT AND APPORTIONED COSTS
(in Swiss francs)**

	Expected Result	Direct	Apportioned	Total
1	Improved service quality and service delivery: Enhanced capabilities of Members to deliver and improve access to high-quality weather, climate, hydrological and related environmental predictions, information, warnings and services in response to users' needs and to enable their use in decision-making by relevant societal sectors.	10,068,800	2,421,700	12,490,500
2	Reduced Disaster Risk: Enhanced capabilities of Members to reduce risks and potential impacts of hazards caused by weather, climate, water and related environmental elements.	4,001,100	962,100	4,963,200
3	Improved Data Processing, Modelling and Forecasting: Enhanced capabilities of Members to produce better weather, climate, water and related environmental information, predictions and warnings to support, in particular, reduced disaster risk and climate impact and adaptation strategies.	9,921,000	2,385,000	12,306,000
4	Improved Observations and Data Exchange: Enhanced capabilities of Members to access, develop, implement and use integrated and interoperable Earth- and space-based observation systems for weather, climate and hydrological observations, as well as related environmental and space weather observations, based on world standards set by WMO.	16,403,300	3,941,700	20,345,000
5	Advance Targeted Research: Enhanced capabilities of Members to contribute to and draw benefits from the global research capability for weather, climate, water and related environmental science and technology development.	10,448,400	2,514,400	12,962,800
6	Strengthened Capacity Development: Enhanced capabilities of Members' NMHSs, in particular, in developing and least developed countries and Small Island Developing States, to fulfil their mandates.	22,506,400	5,412,900	27,919,300
7	Strengthened Partnerships: New and strengthened partnerships and cooperation activities to improve NMHSs' performance in delivering services and to demonstrate the value of WMO contributions within the United Nations system, relevant regional organizations, international conventions and national strategies.	8,851,100	2,128,800	10,979,900
8	Improved Efficiency and Effectiveness: Ensured effective functioning of policy-making and constituent bodies and oversight of the Organization.	27,884,400	6,706,300	34,590,700
Total Regular Budget 2016–2017		110,084,500	26,472,900	136,557,400

Resolution 10 (EC-67)**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION
FOR THE YEAR 2014**

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Recalling Resolution 21 (EC-LXII) – Consideration of the accounts of the World Meteorological Organization for the year 2009,

Noting Articles 14 and 15 of the Financial Regulations,

Considering the report of the Secretary-General on the financial statements of the Organization for the year ended 31 December 2014 and the report of the External Auditor to the Executive Council,

Gives formal approval to the audited financial statements of the World Meteorological Organization for the year 2014;

Requests the Secretary-General to transmit the financial statements together with his report and the report of the External Auditor thereon to all Members of the World Meteorological Organization;

Noting with concern the substantial amounts of outstanding assessed contributions of certain Members,

Urges the Members to clear their dues at an early date.

Resolution 11 (EC-67)**APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR**

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Noting Resolution 11 (EC-LXIII) – Appointment of the External Auditor,

Noting also Article 15 of the Financial Regulations,

Noting further that the term of office of the External Auditor expires on 30 June 2016,

Decides to appoint the Director of the Swiss Federal Audit Office and Auditor-General of Switzerland to serve as the External Auditor of the World Meteorological Organization as from 1 July 2016 for a second term of office to terminate on 30 June 2020.

Note: This Resolution replaces Resolution 11 (EC-LXIII), which will be no longer in force from 1 July 2016.

Resolution 12 (EC-67)

RULES GOVERNING PAYMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES IN RESPECT OF NON-STAFF MEMBERS OF WMO

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Noting:

- (1) Resolution 19 (EC-XLII) – Rules governing payment of travel expenses and subsistence allowances in respect of non-staff members of WMO;
- (2) The current practice of paying advances of travel expenses up to 100% of the estimated amount;
- (3) That the current normative framework of WMO only allows advance payments up to 80% of the estimated amount;
- (4) The recommendation of the WMO Internal Oversight Office that the normative framework be amended to reflect current practice;

Decides that the Rules governing payment of travel expenses and subsistence allowances in respect of non-staff members of WMO be revised as per the annex to the present resolution.

Note: This resolution replaces Resolution 19 (EC-XLII), which is no longer in force.

Annex to Resolution 12 (EC-67)

POLICY AND RULES GOVERNING PAYMENT OF TRAVEL EXPENSES AND SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES IN RESPECT OF NON-STAFF MEMBERS OF WMO

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13. Presidents of technical commissions; representatives of the World Meteorological Organization at meetings of other international organizations; members of working groups and panels of the Executive Council and other constituent bodies of WMO authorized to meet at the expense of the Organization; members of the Joint Scientific Committee and of the Joint Planning Staff as provided for in the WMO/International Council for Science (ICSU) agreement; members of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services and its subsidiary bodies; experts called for consultation or to attend planning meetings and seminars; and experts invited or engaged to carry out studies or surveys
14. Exceptional cases

1. Introduction

Under certain circumstances persons who are not staff members of the World Meteorological Organization may be authorized to travel on behalf of the Organization. This document defines the policy and financial arrangements that shall apply in such cases in respect of travel expenses and subsistence allowances.

The present Policy and Rules are issued on the authority of the Executive Council of the World Meteorological Organization.

2. Applicability

Travel expenses and subsistence allowances can be paid to persons who are not staff members of WMO only if they fall within one of the following categories:

- (a) President of WMO travelling on official WMO business (see paragraph 9);
- (b) Members of the Executive Council, except the President, attending sessions of the Executive Council (see paragraph 10);
- (c) Presidents of regional associations travelling on official business other than for sessions of the Executive Council (see paragraph 12);
- (d) Presidents of technical commissions; representatives of the World Meteorological Organization attending meetings of other international organizations; members of working groups and panels authorized to meet at the expense of WMO; experts called for consultation or to attend planning meetings; and experts invited or engaged to carry out studies or surveys (see paragraph 13);
- (e) Consultants and other persons engaged to carry out assignments within the various programmes and activities of WMO;
- (f) Members of the Joint Scientific Committee and of the Joint Planning Staff as provided for in the WMO/ICSU agreement, and persons attending meetings of the World Climate Research Programme;
- (g) Consultants, experts and other persons engaged to carry out assignments financed under provisions in the Joint Climate Research Fund, in accordance with the WMO/ICSU

agreement; members of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services and persons attending meetings of the Global Climate Observing System.

The scale of payments of each category is defined in the following paragraphs.

3. General policy and conditions

- (a) Travel expenses and subsistence allowance will be borne by WMO when a journey has been authorized by the Secretary-General. Such authorization will in all cases be effected by means of an official WMO Travel Authorization Form duly signed by the Secretary-General or his/her authorized representative. The Travel Authorization Form will be issued before the journey is made unless for reason of urgency such a course is impracticable. In such cases the Travel Authorization Form will be forwarded with a minimum of delay;
- (b) The authority regarding travel and duration of mission specified on the Travel Authorization Form must not be exceeded without the prior permission of the Secretary-General;
- (c) The Organization will meet expenses only in respect of journeys actually accomplished and costs actually incurred;
- (d) The travel costs to be borne by the World Meteorological Organization must normally not exceed the cost of a return journey from the usual place of residence or duty to the place of the meeting;
- (e) Travel shall be by the most economical route, unless the necessity for travel by other routes is officially established;
- (f) If a traveller travels takes an indirect route for his/her own personal convenience, reimbursement for expenses shall be based on the itinerary actually travelled, provided that the travel expenses do not exceed what would have been incurred had the traveller used the most economical and direct route.
- (g) Whenever possible, the travel tickets will be purchased by the Organization. When the travel tickets are purchased by the traveller or additional expenses are incurred owing to alteration of routes, sleeping-car reservation, and so forth, receipts should be obtained from the travel agents or transportation authority and attached to the expense claim.
- (h) The conditions of travel laid down in the Staff Rules will be observed whenever applicable.
- (i) Travel expenses and subsistence allowance include:
 - (i) Transportation expenses (see paragraph 4);
 - (ii) Subsistence allowance during travel and, when specified, during the period at the place of the meeting for which the travel has been authorized (see paragraph 5);
 - (iii) Necessary additional expenses during travel (see paragraph 6).

4. Transportation expenses

- (a) Mode of travel

Transportation by air shall be the normal mode of travel at the expense of the World Meteorological Organization. It shall be by the most direct and economical route. If prompt, speedy and economical transportation by air is not available, an alternative mode of transportation most appropriate to the concept of speed and economy shall be authorized.

- (b) Class of accommodation during travel

Subject to the qualifications given in paragraph 9, travel shall be by air in economy class, or by rail in first class. Travel by sea may be permitted subject to the overall cost to WMO not exceeding travel by air by the most direct route (this limitation is not applicable to the President of WMO).

(c) Travel by car

In certain cases travel by private car may be permitted against reimbursement of expenses at the rates and under the conditions specified for staff members of WMO in the Staff Rules.

(d) Other means of transport

Transportation costs are reimbursable for necessary official travel by tram, taxi cab and other usual means of conveyance. Travel expenses to and from the meeting, during the course of the session or consultation, are included in the daily subsistence allowance.

Expenditures incurred for the means of public conveyance between the airport and other point of arrival or departure and the place of abode or place of business shall be allowed.

The hiring of transport for more extensive use than that detailed in the foregoing two paragraphs shall not be permitted unless such hiring is specifically authorized.

5. Travel subsistence allowance

(a) Definition

The travel subsistence allowance is granted to compensate the traveller for the necessary increase in living expenses resulting from travel.

The allowance is the Organization's total contribution toward charges such as meals, lodging, baths, fees and minor customary gratuities as well as any other payment made for personal services rendered, personal telephone calls and other communication costs, laundry, cleaning, pressing of clothing and other personal expenses.

Any expense that exceeds the allowance shall be borne by the traveller. The personal expenses referred to above are not to be confused with the incidental expenses mentioned under paragraph 6.

(b) Rates of subsistence allowance

Subsistence allowance, when payable, shall be met by a flat daily allowance. The per diem rates of subsistence allowances are shown in paragraphs 9, 10, 12 and 13.

(c) Computation of allowance

- (i) For travel other than by car or by ship, the appropriate rates prescribed in the following paragraphs shall be paid for each calendar day, or fraction thereof, involving an overnight stay away from home, provided that a full day's allowance at the appropriate rate shall be paid for the day of departure but no allowance shall be paid for the day of return to the home, or nominal duty station.

If a traveller's status or mode of travel is such that more than one rate applies in any one day, the rate applicable to the major portion of the day shall be paid for the entire day.

- (ii) For travel by private car, subsistence allowance shall be paid for the period for which the journey could have been accomplished by the most direct and economical route.

6. Miscellaneous travel expenses

Additional necessary travel expenses may be reimbursed for excess baggage, issue of visas, telegraph and telephone spent on the official business of the Organization, but not for insurance of personal baggage, portage or for personal accident insurance.

7. Travel advances

(a) Policy

A reasonable advance of funds against the estimated reimbursable travel expenses may be made.

(b) Interpretation and conditions

An advance of funds shall be considered reasonable if not less than US\$ 50 and up to 100 per cent of the estimated reimbursable expenditures.

If, in the course of travel, the traveller has earned in subsistence allowance an amount equal to the amount advanced, he may be advanced the balance of the estimated reimbursable expenditures.

(c) Balances

Any balance of an advance over the certified expenses shall be refunded to the Organization. Balances in favour of the traveller will be remitted on receipt and approval of the expense claim.

8. Compensation for injury or death attributable to service on behalf of the World Meteorological Organization

The following provisions for insurance during official travel apply in the event of sickness, accident, disability or death.

In the case of non-staff members of the Organization who are authorized to travel at its expense and/or who are receiving a daily subsistence allowance, the WMO accepts limited responsibility for compensation in the event of death, illness or injury attributable to attendance at meetings or to performance of services on behalf of the Organization. These persons are therefore fully responsible for any expenses incurred as a result of events which are not attributable to attendance at meetings or to performance of services on behalf of the Organization and for arranging such life, health and other forms of insurance as they consider appropriate.

The limits of insurance coverage for compensation in the event of death, illness or injury attributable to service on behalf of the Organization by non-staff members are set by the extent of the coverage obtained by commercial insurance, and are currently:

- (a) In case of death: US\$ 120 000;
- (b) In case of permanent total disablement: US\$ 240 000;
- (c) For partial permanent disablement: a percentage of US\$ 240 000;
- (d) For temporary total disablement: fixed according to the insurance policy applicable at the time of disability.

9. President of the World Meteorological Organization travelling on official WMO business (including sessions of the Executive Council)

Standard of accommodation:

<i>By rail</i>	<i>By sea</i>	<i>By air</i>
First class (single-berth compartment for travel by night)	First class	First class

Per diem rates of subsistence allowance during transportation and stay at the meeting place:

US\$ 7 more than the rate for the Secretary-General laid down in the Staff Rules of WMO for the appropriate places, as established by the United Nations.

10. Members of the Executive Council (when travelling to attend sessions of the Council) except the President

(a) General

All members of the Executive Council except the President (see paragraph 9) are entitled to reimbursement of the costs of transportation and to payment of subsistence allowances during transportation for the purpose of attending sessions of the Executive Council held separately from sessions of Congress, within the conditions provided hereafter.

In the case of a president of a regional association being unavoidably prevented from attending a session, the same expense may be paid for an alternate.

In exceptional cases, the same expenses will be paid to a person replacing a member, when the latter is unable to attend.

(b) Standard of accommodation:

<i>By rail</i>	<i>By sea</i>	<i>By air</i>
First class (single-berth compartment for travel by night)	First class	Economy class

(subject to the overall cost not exceeding the cost of travel by air)

(c) Subsistence allowance:

(i) A subsistence allowance will be paid for the period of transportation at per diem rates established by the United Nations for the appropriate places, for those members who choose to be reimbursed the cost of transportation.

(ii) A subsistence allowance for the period of attendance at the sessions of the Executive Council held separately from sessions of Congress will be paid, on request, in lieu of the transportation costs (i.e. travel fares, daily subsistence allowance during transportation, terminal expenses, etc.) under the following conditions:

- a. The rate applicable will be the prevailing United Nations rate for such an allowance;
- b. Payment under this Rule, consequent to the exercise of his/her option by an Executive Council member, will automatically cancel his/her entitlement for the reimbursement of transportation costs provided under any other Rule.

(d) Least developed countries

Notwithstanding the above paragraphs (a), (b) and (c), both travel expenses and subsistence allowance will be paid upon request to Executive Council members from least

developed countries (LDCs) if they are in need of such support to enable their full participation in sessions of the Council.

The list of LDCs is established by the United Nations.

11. Regional hydrological advisers to the presidents of the regional associations (when travelling to attend sessions of the Executive Council)

The material arrangements for this attendance will be the same as those applicable to the presidents of regional associations in their capacity as Executive Council members.

12. Presidents of regional associations (when travelling on official WMO business other than for attendance at sessions of the Executive Council)

Standard of accommodation:

<i>By rail</i>	<i>By sea</i>	<i>By air</i>
First class (single-berth compartment for travel by night)	First class	Economy class

(subject to the overall cost not exceeding the cost of travel by air)

Per diem rates of subsistence allowance:

Rates as established by the United Nations for the appropriate places.

13. Presidents of technical commissions; representatives of the World Meteorological Organization at meetings of other international organizations; members of working groups and panels of the Executive Council and other constituent bodies of WMO authorized to meet at the expense of the Organization; members of the Joint Scientific Committee and of the Joint Planning Staff as provided for in the WMO/ICSU agreement; members of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services and its subsidiary bodies; experts called for consultation or to attend planning meetings and seminars; and experts invited or engaged to carry out studies or surveys

Standard of accommodation:

<i>By rail</i>	<i>By sea</i>	<i>By air</i>
First class (single-berth compartment for travel by night)	First class	Economy class

(subject to the overall cost not exceeding the cost of travel by air)

Per diem rates of subsistence allowance:

Rates as established by the United Nations for the appropriate places. Travel and subsistence allowance shall not be paid by the Organization, as applicable, for the period during which the president of the technical commission or any other of the aforesaid persons is included in the delegation of a Member to the session of the constituent body concerned.

14. Exceptional cases

In the application of these rules the Secretary-General may have to use discretion in cases of ill health.

Resolution 13 (EC-67)**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Noting:

- (1) Resolution 25 (EC-66) – Review of previous resolutions of the Executive Council,
- (2) Regulation 156 (9) of the General Regulations (2012 edition) concerning the review of Executive Council resolutions,
- (3) Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council on the same subject,

Having examined its previous resolutions still in force,

Decides:

- (1) To keep in force the following resolutions:

EC-IV	2
EC-XII	6
EC-XXXIV	13
EC-XXXV	21
EC-XXXVI	6
EC-XL	4
EC-XLIV	15
EC-XLV	13
EC-XLVIII	3, 4, 12
EC-LI	5
EC-LVI	9, 18
EC-LVII	5, 17, 18
EC-LVIII	15
EC-LIX	16, 17, 19, 26, 27
EC-LX	4, 6, 18
EC-LXI	4, 8, 14
EC-LXII	6, 15
EC-LXIII	8, 11*, 13
EC-64	2, 5, 6, 8, 10,13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24**, 26
EC-65	3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 19, 20
EC-66	2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24

(2) Not to keep in force the other resolutions adopted before its sixty-seventh session;

Requests the Secretary-General to publish the in-force resolutions, including those with corrigenda, in a new issue of *Resolutions of Congress and the Executive Council* (WMO-No. 508) and to bring this publication to the attention of all concerned parties.

Note: This resolution replaces Resolution 25 (EC-66), which is no longer in force.

* This resolution remains in force until 1 July 2016.

** Indicates that some resolution(s) mentioned in the given resolution are now not in force (see the annex to the present resolution).

Annex to Resolution 13 (EC-67)

NOTES TO THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 24 (EC-64) – Guidelines on the planning and production of WMO publications

Resolution 20 (EC-LXII) not in force

ANNEXES

Annex I

Annex to [paragraphs 2.9, 2.10 and 2.33](#) of the general summary

MEMBERSHIP OF SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Executive Council Advisory Panel of Experts on Gender Mainstreaming

L. Makuleni (Ms) (Chairperson) – South Africa

S.M.O. Aura (Ms) – Kenya

M. Egaña – Chile

A. Diougue (Ms) – Senegal

L. Furgione (Ms) – United States

M. Jabbari (Ms) – Islamic Republic of Iran

D. Johnston (Ms) – Canada

A.L. Kijazi (Ms) – United Republic of Tanzania

J. Kongoti – Kenya

S. Moxey-Bonamy (Ms) – Bahamas

Ciara Marcigli (Ms) – Italy

M. Petrova (Ms) – Russian Federation

K. Lisette Quevedo (Ms) – Peru

R. Varley – United Kingdom

J. Ukeje (Ms) – Nigeria

Executive Council Panel of Experts on Polar and High-mountain Observations, Research and Services

President (Co-chairperson)

R. Vertessy (Co-chairperson) – Australia

K. Krogh Andersen (Ms) – Denmark

B. Arheimer (Ms) – Sweden

G. Béchard (Ms) – Canada

S. Carpentier – Australia

L. Chang'a – United Republic of Tanzania

S. Colwell – United Kingdom (Expert from the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research)

A. Devaris (Ms) – United States

M. Drinkwater – Netherlands (ESA)

K. Falkner (Ms) – United States

C. Fierz – Switzerland (President, International Association of Cryospheric Sciences) (IACS)

A. Frolov – Russian Federation

R. Hartig – Germany

P. Etala (Ms) – Argentina

Ø. Hov – Norway

H. Lantuit – Germany

J. Ikävalko (Ms) – Finland

A. Jönsson (Ms) – Sweden

T. Jung – Germany (Head of the International Coordination Office for Polar Prediction)

J. Key – United StatesA. Klepikov - Russian Federation

Kyung-On Boo (Ms) – Republic of Korea

S.J. Park – Republic of Korea

G. Pedrini – Italy

V. Rachold – Germany (IASC Secretariat)

L.-O. Reiersen – Norway (Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme Secretariat)

J. Renwick – New Zealand

P. Uribe Ribaidí (Ms) – Chile

K. Satheesan – India

A. Snorrason – Iceland

J. Stander – South Africa

H. Tangen – Norway

V. Vitale – Italy

C. Xiao – China

T. Yamanouchi – Japan

Expert (TBD) – France

Expert (TBD) – Morocco

Executive Council Panel of Experts on Education and Training

President (Chairperson)

Enric Aguilar – Spain

Stella Aura (Ms) – Kenya

Claudia Campetella (Ms) – Argentina

Zhanghang Dong – China

David Farrell – British Caribbean Territories

Richard Jeffries – United States

Winifred Jordaan – South Africa

Zhiyu Liu – China

Maria Mamaeva (Ms) – Russian Federation

Jennifer Milton (Ms) – Canada

Didier Reboux – France

Chris Webster – New Zealand

Executive Council Panel of Experts on Capacity Development

First Vice-President (Co-chairperson)

T. Sutherland (Co-chairperson)

President of RA I

President of RA V

President of CBS

President of CHy

Chairperson of VCP IPM

R. Philippe

F. Teshome

A.S. Ghulam

Ko Yunhwa

J.-M. Lacave

J. Caballero Gonzalez

A.C. Saulo

R. Kumar

Experts:

Harri Pieterilla – Finland

Jorge Tamayo – Spain

Invited experts and representatives of ODAs, international development entities, UN agencies, and academic institutions

Executive Council Task Team on Data Policy and Emerging Issues

Third Vice-President (Chairperson)

President of RA I

President of RA III

A. Anuforum

L.S. Rathore

G. Navarro

G. Adrian

A. Frolov

L. Musmanno

C.L. Wong

Expert: C. Wooldridge – United States

Executive Council Working Group on WMO Strategic and Operational Planning

President (Chairperson)

President of RA I

President of RA II

President of RA III

President of RA IV

President of RA VI

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L.M. Bah

L. Makuleni (Ms)

N. Nishide

Zheng Guoguang

G. Navarro

L. Furgione (Ms)

R. Vertessy

C.L. Wong

G. Adrian

J.-M. Lacave

M.A. Lopez Gonzalez

R. Varley

Executive Council Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction

Second Vice-President (Co-chairperson)

Third Vice-President (Co-chairperson)

President RA III

President RA IV

President RA V

President RA VI

A. Kijazi (Ms)

D. Konate

N. Nishide

Zheng Guoguang

A.C. Saulo

L. Furgione (Ms)

R. Kumar

I. Günes

L. Musmanno

Global Framework for Climate Services Coordination

President (Chairperson)

First Vice-President

Presidents of RAs

Presidents of TCs

A. Anuforum

A.S. Ghulam

Ko Yunhwa

G. Adrian

Experts:

O. Franco – Colombia

J. Smith – Canada

A.D. Pablo (Ms) – Peru

Franco Desiato – Italy

Patric Josse – France

Chris Hewitt – United Kingdom

Intercommission Coordination Group on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System

President of CBS (Co-chairperson)

President of CIMO (Co-chairperson)

One representation of each RA

One representation of each TC

First Vice-President

President RA VI

D. Konate

T. Sutherland

Experts:

Ercan Buyukbas – Turkey

Giancarlo Pedrini – Italy

J. Arimatea de Sousa Brito – Brazil

WMO Audit Committee

Mamadou Bah – Guinea (until 20 June 2018)

John Fox – United States (until 20 June 2018)

Linda Makuleni (Ms) – South Africa (until 20 June 2018)

Graham Miller – United Kingdom (until 20 June 2018)

Suresh Sharma – Nepal (until 28 February 2019)

Catherine Vendat (Ms) – France (until 12 June 2019)

Zhang Long – China (until 20 June 2018)

WMO Staff Pension Committee

M. Ostojski, L. Makuleni, and T. Sutherland, alternate A. Hardej-Januszek

Selection Committees:

(a) Selection Committee for membership of the Executive Council Panel of Experts on Education and Training

President RA IV (Chairperson), President RA III, President RA VI and D. Konate

(b) Selection Committee for membership of the WMO Audit Committee

J.-M. Lacave (Chairperson), A.S. Ghulam, G. Navarro and C.L. Wong

(c) Selection Committee for the IMO Prize

A.D. Moura (Chairperson), A. Kijazi, G. Adrian and T. Sutherland

(d) Selection Committee for the WMO Research Award for Young Scientists

Zheng Guoguang (Chairperson), R. Philippe, A.C. Saulo, M. Lopez Gonzalez and J.M. Caballero Gonzalez

(e) Selection Committee for the Professor Dr Vilho Väisälä Award

T. Sutherland (Chairperson), L.S. Rathore, L. Musmanno and President of CIMO

(f) Selection Committee for membership of the Joint Scientific Committee for the World Climate Research Programme

A. Mokssit (Chairperson), L.S. Rathore, A.C. Saulo and A. Frolov

Annex II

Annex to [paragraph 2.26](#) of the general summary

REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WMO/IUGG VOLCANIC ASH SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY GROUP

Introduction:

The Volcanic Ash Science Advisory Group (VASAG) is established in accordance with the Working Arrangements between the WMO and the IUGG (WMO-No.60, V.1 – V.2), paragraph 4, as a “*joint committee ... to deal with matters of common interest*”.

The objective of the group is to provide scientific advice combining expertise in the field of atmospheric sciences and volcanology, to support informed decisions by ICAO and other aviation stakeholders concerned with the volcanic ash hazard to aviation.

Composition:

The composition of VASAG shall comprise of a core group of approximately ten scientists and technical experts from the relevant geophysical and meteorological disciplines with two co-chairpersons designated through consultation between the WMO and IUGG Secretariats with each Organization nominating one co-chairperson.

Terms of reference:

In the context of international aviation, VASAG shall:

- (1) Address requests from ICAO and other relevant stakeholders for specific scientific advice or assistance relating to the fields of volcano monitoring, volcanic ash and other volcanic contaminants,
- (2) Use appropriate networks, contacts, meetings and other opportunities, to gather cross-discipline and cross-industry scientific advice from the international community,
- (3) Promote research and inform community on recent scientific achievements related to the volcanic ash aviation hazard,
- (4) Provide support to the organisation of the regular WMO International Scientific Workshop on Volcanic Ash.

Working arrangements:

The VASAG will be supported by the WMO Secretariat including limited funding, within the available WMO budget for the AEM programme, for delivering its priority activities.

Meetings should be conducted in consideration with ICAO requirements, associated delivery deadlines, available funding, and opportunities to meet in conjunction with other relevant events to VASAG members. Requests by non-core experts to attend VASAG meetings as observers will be decided upon by the co-chairpersons in consultation with the two Secretariats.

Reporting

The VASAG shall provide scientific reports to support the work of relevant WMO and ICAO groups concerned with the volcanic ash hazard to aviation. Progress reports on activities should be provided to the WMO and IUGG executive bodies.

Dissemination

The VASAG will publicize the outcomes of its work through appropriate channels to ensure outreach to the research and operational communities. A VASAG web page on the WMO website will be used as a main reference point. Appropriate links to other relevant information sources, including scientific and research institutions of core members will also be provided.

Annex III
Annex to [paragraph 4.2.2](#) of the general summary

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING THE PROFESSOR DR VILHO VÄISÄLÄ AWARDS

1. The Professor Dr Vilho Väisälä Award for an Outstanding Research Paper on Instruments and Methods of Observation

Purpose

The purpose of the Professor Dr Vilho Väisälä Award for an Outstanding Research Paper on Instruments and Methods of Observation is to encourage and stimulate interest in research in the field of instruments and methods of observation in support of WMO Programmes.

Criteria for granting the award

The award shall recognize an outstanding paper published in a scientific journal, or a summary of a successfully defended Ph.D. thesis for:

- (a) The significance of its topic;
- (b) The novelty of its ideas and methods;
- (c) The value of its results to WMO Programmes.

2. The Professor Dr Vilho Väisälä Award for the Development and Implementation of Instruments and Methods of Observation in Developing Countries**Purpose**

The purpose of the Professor Dr Vilho Väisälä Award for the Development and Implementation of Instruments and Methods of Observation in Developing Countries is to encourage and stimulate capacity development in instruments and methods of observation for the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS) in developing countries.

Criteria for granting the award

The award shall be granted for an outstanding paper published in a scientific journal, or a significant technical report, a project report or a summary of a successfully defended Ph.D. or MSc. thesis for:

- (a) The significance of its contribution to the long-term stability and reliability of meteorological and related environmental observations in developing countries;
- (b) The relevance to the observing systems in developing countries;
- (c) The value of its results to, and their impact on, WMO Programmes and key priority areas.

3. Submission of nominations for the awards

- (a) The Permanent Representatives of Members of WMO will be invited to submit to the Secretary-General not more than two nominations and the corresponding papers/reports for each award that were published during the 24-month period preceding the year in which the award is granted and that have not previously won an international prize, indicating the title of the award for which each submission is being made;
- (b) Papers/reports for each submission shall be provided in electronic format and in a WMO working language (original or translation). Submitters are strongly encouraged to provide these papers/reports in English. If that is not possible, they shall submit an extended précis in English to facilitate assessment of their merit.

4. Selection of candidatures

- (a) The president of the Commission for Instruments and Methods of Observation (CIMO), in consultation with the vice-president, invites three distinguished scientists in the field of instruments and methods of observation, who would serve as assessors for both awards;
- (b) For each award, each assessor should allot a mark to each paper, which should be in the range of 0 (lowest) to 5 (highest) and submit the evaluation to the Secretary-General. The evaluation should be based on the criteria defined above with equal weight being assigned to each of the three criteria mentioned under 2 above;

- (c) The final selection of the winner, or winners, for each award, is made by the Selection Committee established for this purpose by the Executive Council for a period of four years. The Committee consists of two members and, ex officio, the president of CIMO;
- (d) The Executive Council Selection Committee may decide not to recommend an award if the papers/reports submitted are not of a sufficiently high standard.

5. Nature of the awards

Each award consists of a diploma, a medal and a sum of US\$ 10 000; the latter could be shared between co-authors. The award is granted on a biennial basis.

6. Award ceremony

The award ceremony shall normally take place during the conjoint WMO Technical Conference on Meteorological and Environmental Instruments and Methods of Observation and the Exhibition of Meteorological Instruments, Related Equipment and Services.

ANNEX IV

Annex to [paragraph 4.4.2](#) of the general summary

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS MADE SINCE THE SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

REGULAR STAFF THROUGH COMPETITION

Name and Nationality	WMO Region	Functional title, grade and organizational unit	Effective date
JOSIPOVIC, Ms K. (Canada)	IV	Web Editor and Social Media Moderator (P.2), Public Information Products and Website Management Unit, Cabinet and External Relations Department	2 June 2014
RUTI, Mr P. (Italy)	VI	Chief, World Weather Research Division (P.5), Atmospheric Research and Environment Branch, Research Department	1 August 2014
ALTUNOGLU, Ms A. (Germany)	VI	Head, Project Coordination Unit (P.4), Office for Resource Mobilization and Development Partnerships, Development and Regional Activities Department	28 August 2014
DACIC, Mr M. (Serbia)	VI	WMO Representative for Europe (P.5), Development and Regional Activities Department	1 October 2014
YAMADA, Mr R. (Japan)	II	Programme Manager (P.4), Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific, Development and Regional Activities Department	20 October 2014
EYMANN, Ms S. (Switzerland)	VI	Translator/Terminologist (P.2), Language, Conference and Publishing Services Department	15 November 2014

Name and Nationality	WMO Region	Functional title, grade and organizational unit	Effective date
GAUDECHOUX, Mr J-P. (France)	VI	Senior Programme Manager (P.5), Office for Resource Mobilization and Development Partnerships, Development and Regional Activities Department	1 February 2015
SHONGWE, Mr M. (Swaziland)	I	Programme Officer (P.4), Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change	1 March 2015
ABDEL GHANY, Mr. H. (Egypt)	I	WMO Representative for West Asia (P.4), Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific, Development and Regional Activities Department (post located in Manama)	1 May 2015
SPARROW, Mr. M. (United Kingdom)	VI	Senior Scientific Officer (P.5), World Climate Research Programme Joint Planning Staff, Research Department	25 May 2015

SECONDED EXPERT

Name and Nationality	WMO Region	Title, grade and organizational unit	Effective date
FITRIANY, Ms A. (Indonesia)	V	Seconded Expert (P.2), Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific , Development and Regional Activities Department	1 April 2015

JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS

Name and Nationality	WMO Region	Title, grade and organizational unit	Effective date
TUMA, Mr M. (Germany)	VI	Junior Professional Officer (P.2), World Climate Research Programme Joint Planning Staff, Research Department	1 May 2015

ANNEX V

Annex to [paragraph 4.4.3](#) of the general summary

LIST OF EXTENSIONS OF APPOINTMENT BEYOND THE STATUTORY AGE OF RETIREMENT SINCE THE SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Name and Nationality	WMO Region	Title, grade and organizational unit	Effective date
BLONDIN, Mr C. (France)	VI	Director (D.2), Cabinet and External Relations Department	13 months to 31 December 2015

ANNEX VI**Annex to paragraph 4.4.4 of the general summary****LIST OF TRANSFERS, NOMINATIONS AND PROMOTIONS SINCE THE SIXTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Name and Nationality	WMO Region	Title, grade and organizational unit	Effective date
TARASOVA, Ms O. (Russian Federation)	VI	Chief, Atmospheric Environment Research Division (P.5), Atmospheric Research and Environment Branch, Research Department (Nomination with promotion following competition after issuance of Vacancy Notice)	1 August 2014
JEPSEN, Ms L. (United States)	IV	Project Officer (P.3), World Climate Applications and Services Division, Climate Prediction and Adaptation Branch, Climate and Water Department (Lateral reassignment from the Legal Counsel Office)	20 October 2014
LEE, Ms B. (Republic of Korea)	II	Senior Scientific Officer (P.5), World Climate Research Programme Joint Planning Staff, Research Department (Nomination with promotion following competition after issuance of Vacancy Notice)	1 January 2015
SANDSTRÖM, Ms S. (Finland)	VI	Project Officer (P.3), Office for Resource Mobilization and Development Partnerships, Development and Regional Activities Department (Post located in Nairobi) (Nomination with promotion following competition after issuance of Vacancy Notice)	1 March 2015
TERRUGI, Mr G. (Italy)	VI	Scientific Officer (P.4), Hydrology and Water Resources Branch, Climate and Water Department (Nomination with promotion following competition after issuance of Vacancy Notice)	1 May 2015

ANNEX VII**Annex to paragraph 4.5.15 of the general summary****REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL****Introduction**

1. The Financial Advisory Committee held its thirty-fourth meeting at the WMO headquarters on 24 and 25 May 2015.

Review of Executive Council documents having budgetary and financial implications

Financial statements for 2014, including the report of the External Auditor

2. The Committee noted that the total revenue recognized during the year 2014 amounted to CHF 82.1 million and total expenses to CHF 96.9 million, resulting in an overall deficit of CHF 14.8 million. This represents a decrease of CHF 36.7 million (168%) from the IPSAS surplus of CHF 21.8 million in 2013. The Committee noted that the deficit resulted mainly from a decrease of CHF 17.1 million in voluntary contributions and an increase of CHF 20.7 million in expenditure and that the increase in expenditure primarily represents an increase in the implementation of activities in 2014 which in turn is linked to the significant inflow of voluntary contributions in 2013 and prior years.

3. The Committee noted that total expenditure of CHF 96.9 million in 2014 represents an increase of CHF 20.7 million or 27.1% from 2013 and that the increase resulted from an increase of CHF 3.2 million in salaries and benefits, CHF 8.1 million in project expenditure funded with voluntary contributions, and CHF 2.1 million increase in depreciation following adjustments in 2014 to the useful lives of the various components of the headquarters' building. The Committee further noted that 2013 expenditure included the recognition of an unrealized gain of CHF 7.8 million which arose from the discounting of the long-term loan of the headquarters' building.

4. The Committee noted that cash holdings of all WMO operations decreased from CHF 98.6 million (cash and investments) at 31 December 2013 to CHF 95.9 million at 31 December 2014. The decrease was in trust funds and other voluntary contributions while the cash holding of the General Fund increased by CHF 4.0 million from CHF 24.1 million at 31 December 2013 to CHF 28.1 million at 31 December 2014. The Committee noted that the balance of CHF 28.1 million is sufficient for operations of four months. The Committee also noted that arrears of assessed contributions decreased by CHF 2.2 million from CHF 15.8 million at 31 December 2013 to CHF 13.6 million at 31 December 2014.

5. The Committee noted that employee benefits liabilities, the value of which was established on the basis of a professional actuarial valuation undertaken by independent actuaries, increased by CHF 12.4 million (25%) from CHF 49.6 million at 31 December 2013 to CHF 62.0 million at 31 December 2014. The Committee noted that the increase is mainly due to a net actuarial loss on the liabilities, which arose from: (i) a decrease in the discount rate applied to the long-term liabilities which resulted in an increase of about 15.5% in the liabilities; (ii) the introduction of the normal retirement age of 65 years (extended from 62 years) for new entrants since 1 January 2014, which caused a decrease of about 0.5% in the liabilities for that group, and (iii) a change in the employee membership profile which resulted in an increase in the liabilities of about 2.0%. The Committee further noted that the liabilities are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis through a charge of 3% on direct payroll costs. The Committee also noted that the ASHI liability presents a risk with budgetary impact as these commitments continue to grow. It noted that some UN organizations are already taking measures to mitigate this risk. In addition it was noted that WMO is also exposed to potential risks on the pension fund.

6. The Committee noted that voluntary-funded expenditure amounted to CHF 23.4 million in 2014 and voluntary-funded income amounted to CHF 11.9 million.

7. The Committee noted that the External Auditor issued an unqualified opinion on the Organization's financial statements for 2014. It also noted the recommendations of the External Auditor and that the Secretary-General had accepted all of them.

Recommendation 1:

That the Executive Council adopt:

- (a) The text (paragraphs 4.5.1 to 4.5.8) for inclusion in the general summary of the present report; and

- (b) Resolution 10 (EC-67) – Financial statements of the World Meteorological Organization for the year 2014.

Appointment of the External Auditor

8. The Committee recalled that, according to Financial Regulation 15.1, the Executive Council will decide on the manner and for the period of appointment of the External Auditor. The External Auditor is appointed in principle for a four-year period, renewable for one consecutive additional term, according to Resolution 26 (EC-LIX). The Committee noted that the current External Auditor, the Director of the Swiss Federal Audit Office, appointed as from 1 July 2012, is completing his first term of office on 30 June 2016. The Committee further noted that the External Auditor has been requested to indicate whether he is willing to serve for another term beginning 1 July 2016 and that he has expressed his willingness to continue serving as External Auditor of WMO. The Committee noted that the Audit Committee has recommended the re-appointment of the External Auditor.

Recommendation 2:

That the Executive Council adopt Resolution 11 (EC-67) – Appointment of the External Auditor and appoint the National Auditor-General of Switzerland, Director of the Swiss Federal Audit Office, to serve as the External Auditor of WMO for a further period of four years from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2020.

APPENDIX

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Antonio Divino MOURA	First Vice-President
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Juan Carlos FALLAS	President of RA IV
Andi Eka SAKYA	President of RA V
Ivan CACIC	President of RA VI

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Mamadou Lamine BAH	Member
Alexander FROLOV	Member
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