

**PROGRESS/ACTIVITY REPORTS PRESENTED AT THE  
SIXTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

**(unedited)**

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. In conformity with Resolution 38 (Cg-II), the Executive Council decided, at its seventh session, to award an International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize. The first award was made to Dr T. Hesselberg, at the Council's seventh session, and subsequent annual awards were made to Professor C.G. Rossby, Mr E. Gold, Professor J. Bjerknes, Professor J. Van Mieghem, Professor K.R. Ramanathan, Dr A.K. Angström, Dr R.C. Sutcliffe, Dr F.W. Reichelderfer, Professor S. Peterson, Professor T. Bergeron, Professor K.J. Kondratyev, Sir Graham Sutton, Professor E. Palmen, Professor R. Scherhag, Professor Jule G. Charney, Academician V.A. Bugaev, Dr C.H.B. Priestly and Mr J.S. Sawyer (both of them for the eighteenth prize), Professor J. Smagorinsky, Dr W.L. Godson, Academician E.K. Federov, Dr G.P. Cressman, Dr A. Nyberg, Professor H.E. Landsberg, Dr R.M. White, Professor B. Bolin, Dr W.J. Gibbs, Professor J.J. Burgos and Mr M.F. Taha (both for the twenty-eighth prize), Professor T. Malone, Sir Arthur Davies, Dr H. Flohn, Professor M.I. Budyko, Dr F. Kenneth Hare, Professor P.R. Pisharoty, Dr R.E. Hallgren, Professor R. Fjortoft, Professor Ju. A. Izrael, Professor W.E. Suomi, Dr J.P. Bruce, Dr R.L. Kintanar, Professor T.N. Krishnamurti, Professor Mariano A. Estoque, Sir John Houghton, Professor James C.I. Dooge, Professor-Emeritus E.N. Lorenz, Dr Mohammad H. Ganji, Dr Joanne Simpson, Professor Ye Duzheng, Dr Bennert Machenhauer, Dr John W. Zillman, Professor Lennart Bengtsson, Professor Jagadish Shukla, Dr Qin Dahe, Dr Eugenia Kalnay and Dr Taroh Matsuno.
2. Eighth Congress decided that the Prize shall be awarded "for outstanding work in the field of meteorology or any other field referred to in Article 2 of the WMO Convention.
3. In accordance with the relevant procedure, the Secretary-General invited Members of WMO, by circular letter WMO-1342 dated 21 July 2010, to submit nominations for the award of the Fifty-sixth IMO Prize.
4. The Selection Committee for the award of the IMO Prize will submit to members of the Executive Council, as a confidential document, a list of not more than five names selected from the candidates proposed by Members.
5. The composition of the Selection Committee determined by the Council at its sixty-second session was: Dr A.D. Moura (Chairman), Dr L. Bah, Mr D. Grimes and Professor R. Garcia Herrera.
6. The general conditions governing the award of the IMO Prize are set out in:
  - (a) Paragraph 92 of the general summary of EC-VIII, which reads as follows:

"In the selection of a recipient, both scientific eminence and the record of work done in the field of international meteorology should be taken into consideration;"
  - (b) Rule 17 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, which stipulates that members of the Executive Council, as electors, are not eligible for the award during their term of office as members of the Executive Council. This rule also indicates that the Prize may not be awarded to a person proposed posthumously.
7. The award of the IMO Prize is a decision of the Executive Council, which, according to Article 16 of the Convention, shall be "by two-thirds majority of the votes cast for and against". In order to arrive at a definite proposal containing the name of only one candidate, Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council refers to a special procedure called "Indication of preference" (see Regulation 198 of General Regulations).

8. The Executive Council decided at EC-VIII that the statements on the qualifications and merit of the candidates, who are chosen by the Selection Committee for final decision on the recipient of the IMO Prize, shall be made available to all members of the Executive Council prior to the vote for selecting the recipient. This provision appears in Rule 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.

9. The Prize consists of:

- (a) A gold medal;
- (b) Prize money (CHF 10,000), financed from the IMO fund;
- (c) A certificate giving the citation of the award and bearing the signature of the President of the Organization and that of the Secretary-General, as well as the official seal of WMO.

10. As of 1 January 2010, the balance of the IMO Prize Fund was CHF 188,700. For the year 2010, income from interest is estimated at CHF 185; expenditure for the Fifty-fourth IMO Prize awarded in 2010 was CHF 21,381, covering the award, citation, travel and other related costs. As a result, the balance of the Fund is estimated to decrease to CHF 167,504 as of 31 December 2010.

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**AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED TO STAFF RULES  
SINCE THE SIXTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

As required in Article 12.2 of the WMO Staff Regulations, this report provides the details of amendments made to the Staff Rules applicable to the Secretariat staff since the sixty-second session of the Executive Council. These amendments have been made in accordance with the guidelines provided at the sixty-second Executive Council session, pursuant to corresponding amendments made by the United Nations and/or decisions or recommendations of the International Civil Service Commission and in keeping with good management practice. This Appendix provides the background and the justification as well as the financial implications.

***Revision of base/floor salary scale applicable to Professional and higher categories of staff (Staff Rule 131.1, Appendix A.1)***

Introduction of a revised salary scale to reflect an increase of 1.37 per cent over the current scale in conjunction with a reduction by the same percentage of post adjustment, on a no-gain no-loss basis with effect from 1 January 2011.

Date of implementation: with effect from 1 January 2011. This amendment involves only an increase of expenditures in relation to separation payments, which should not exceed CHF 7,000 for one year.

**Salary scales for staff in General Service categories in Geneva, Switzerland**

Introduction of revised salary scales to reflect an increase of 1.05 per cent over current scale for staff in the General Services category in Geneva, Switzerland.

Date of implementation: 1 March 2010. This amendment involves an increase of expenditure of CHF 120,000 for one year.

**Salary scales for staff in the National Officer and General Service categories in the Regional Offices**

- (a) Introduction of revised salary scales representing an average increase of 9.2% for staff in the National Officer and 3.9% for staff in the General Service categories in the WMO Office in Abuja/Lagos, Nigeria.

Date of implementation: with retroactive effect from 1 June 2010. This amendment involves an increase of expenditure of CHF 500 for one year.

- (b) Introduction of revised salary scales representing an average increase of 3.5% for staff in the National Officer and 6.2% for staff in the General Services categories in WMO office in Nairobi, Kenya.

Date of implementation: with retroactive effect from 1 November 2010. This amendment involves an increase of expenditure of CHF 2,000 for one year.

- (c) Introduction of revised salary scales for staff representing an average increase of 12.7% in the National Officer and 7.3% for staff in the General Services categories in the WMO Office in San José, Costa Rica.

Date of implementation with retroactive effect from 1 July 2010. This amendment involves an increase of expenditures of CHF 2,500 for one year.

- (d) Introduction of revised salary scales for staff representing an average increase of 0.9% in the National Officer category and 1.3% for staff in the General Services categories in the WMO in the Mexico Project Office.

Date of implementation with retroactive effect from 1 August 2009. This amendment involves an increase of expenditures of CHF 1,400 for one year.

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## APPOINTMENT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR OF WMO

1. Financial Regulation 15.1 provides that the External Auditor of WMO shall be appointed in the manner and for the period decided by the Executive Council. The External Auditor of WMO is appointed in principle for a four-year period, renewable for one consecutive additional term so as to ensure continuity.

2. The Executive Council, at its fifty-ninth session in May 2007, by Resolution 26 (EC-LIX), decided that an External Auditor can serve any number of terms, but no more than two consecutively.

3. The current External Auditor, the Comptroller and Auditor-General of the United Kingdom, originally appointed as from 1 July 2004, is completing his second consecutive term of office, which will terminate on 30 June 2012. Accordingly, it will be necessary for the sixty-third session of the Executive Council to appoint an External Auditor, who shall be the Auditor-General (or officer holding the equivalent title) of a Member, as from 1 July 2012.

4. In August 2010, the Secretary-General invited the Permanent Representatives of Members to enquire from their National Auditor-General whether he/she would wish to be considered for appointment as the External Auditor of WMO with effect from 1 July 2012 and to submit their nominations accordingly. The Auditor-Generals of the following three Members have notified WMO of their interest to serve as the External Auditor of the Organization:

France  
Malaysia  
Switzerland

5. Following the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), currently six funds, administered by WMO but which are not controlled or fully controlled by WMO, will not be consolidated in the WMO financial statements. Separate financial statements for these funds will have to be prepared and audited. The above Auditor-Generals have also been invited to submit proposals for the audit of these separate funds, which could be carried out concurrently with the audit of the WMO accounts.

6. The Council, in its decision regarding the appointment of an External Auditor as from 1 July 2012, will duly consider Article 15 of WMO Financial Regulations.

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Several elections by correspondence have been asked for by the President of the World Meteorological Organization and presidents of regional associations and technical commissions since the Fifteenth World Meteorological Congress adopted Resolution 46 (Cg-XV) - Amendments to General Regulations 15, 16, 71, 91 and 92. The implementation of the revised deadlines for deciding upon and running election by correspondence has proven satisfactory.
  2. Amongst those elections, one concerned the election by correspondence of an acting member of the Executive Council. According to Rule 16 (b), "the list of candidates fulfilling the conditions of Article 13 (c) of the Convention shall be confined to those eligible candidates coming from the same Region as the outgoing member proposed by members of the Executive Council within 30 days of the announcement of the vacancy;"
  3. The practice of consultations which occur during the session of the Executive Council when the elections of an acting member are run during its session is that the president of the concerned Region consults in priority the EC members coming from the Region. Practice has shown that if a Region comes to an agreement on a candidate to fill the vacant seat, this agreement is accepted by the EC members of other Regions. This candidate is thus declared elected in accordance with Rule 16 (d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.
  4. On the occasion of the replacement of an EC member of Region IV, the president of the Region consulted Members and, based on a consensus within the Region, proposed a candidate, who has been declared elected in accordance with Rule 16 (d) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council.
  5. The President of WMO and the presidents of the regional associations have been consulted and have agreed that this approach reflects the spirit of the Rules and proposals.
  6. The Secretariat was requested to present proposals for amending paragraph (b) of Rule 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, which would reflect from whom the Secretariat solicits nominations. Various options are possible with respect to consultation of EC members:
    - (a) All EC members (current rule);
    - (b) EC members of the Region first, then others;
    - (c) EC members of the Region only;
    - (d) All Members of the Region;
    - (e) The president of the Region who represents also the Region in the Executive Council, consults within the Region, this being his/her prerogative.
  7. The Council is invited to consider these options, noting that the latter would reflect the situation which occurred in Region IV and triggered the debate.
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**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

1. Regulation 155(9) of the General Regulations provides that the agenda of an Executive Council session shall normally include an item on "Review of previous resolutions of the Executive Council" and Rule 27 of the Executive Council's Rules of Procedures stipulates that those of the Council's resolutions in force will be reviewed at each of its sessions. The last review of the previous resolutions was made by the Executive Council at its last session.
  2. To facilitate the review of the previous resolutions of the Executive Council, a list of the Executive Council resolutions which are presently in force has been prepared by the Secretariat, together with a recommendation concerning the future status of each; this list is given in Appendix B.
  3. Following the established practice, the Council may wish to appoint a rapporteur to carry out a preliminary examination of those previous resolutions which are kept in force, including with corrigenda, and to collate the decisions taken by the Council as well as consultation with the Secretariat. The outcome will be considered as a draft resolution on the subject.
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