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**ICAO ACTIVITIES AND COORDINATION NEEDS**

Other relevant ICAO developments

*Working arrangements between ICAO and WMO*

*(Submitted by the WMO Secretariat)*

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| **Summary and Purpose of Document**  This document provides a brief update on the status of the review of the working arrangements between ICAO and WMO, as called for by Recommendation 4/1 of the 2014 ICAO Meteorology Divisional Meeting, together with the envisaged next steps. |

**ACTION PROPOSED**

The Management Group (MG) is invited to note this information.

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Recommendation 4/1 of the 2014 ICAO Meteorology Divisional Meeting (MET/14), held conjointly with the 15th Session of the WMO Commission for Aeronautical Meteorology (CAeM-15), tasked ICAO and WMO to undertake a review to be completed not later than November 2016 of the *Working Arrangements between the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)* (ICAO Doc 7475/WMO-No. 60, Chapter II.3) to ensure that the respective roles and responsibilities as well as the commitments of both organizations are appropriately aligned with the mandates of both organizations taking into consideration evolving technological capabilities and aeronautical requirements. Moreover, upon completion of this review, ICAO and WMO were tasked, as necessary, to develop a proposed amendment to the working arrangements for consideration and approval of the ICAO and WMO governing bodies.

1.2 In the preamble to Recommendation 4/1 in the MET/14 Final Report, it is worthwhile to note that the review is intended to ensure that the working arrangements appropriately reflect the respective mandates, governance structures and modes of operation of the two organizations, as well as consideration of the data management policies of both organizations. Furthermore, the review of the working arrangements should in principle be carried out by the Secretariats of the two organizations who could seek assistance, as necessary.

1. **PROGRESS AND NEXT STEPS**

2.1 During the course of 2016, the ICAO and WMO Secretariats have commenced their review of the working arrangements, within available resources and where other commitments have allowed.

2.2 In reviewing the current working arrangements (second edition, 1963), it has been evident that there is a need to bring them into the 21st century, respecting and introducing modern means of collaboration, coordination and communication, while at the same time respecting and, where necessary, retaining certain traditional notions and exchanges of privileges that are fundamental to the working arrangements and have served the two organizations well over the past fifty years or more. To this end, the secretariats have agreed that the development of an amendment to the working arrangements is both desirable and necessary.

2.3 In addition, in undertaking the review of the working arrangements and determining how to appropriately (re)construct a new edition, the Secretariats have drawn inspiration from other working arrangements (or equivalent) that exist between ICAO and WMO with other specialized agencies of the United Nations, both in terms of their construct and content.

2.4 A straw man of the new edition of the working arrangements is presented in Annexto this paper as information only. It is worthwhile to note that the proposed amendment (new edition) to the working arrangements will represent a major revision in construct and a moderate revision in content compared with the current (second) edition.

2.5 The development of new or improved content for each chapter of the working arrangements is already at an advanced stage and, during the course of 2017, the ICAO and WMO Secretariats intend to finalize the proposed amendment and to commence the task of seeking the consideration and approval of the respective governing bodies of each organization.

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**Straw man of the proposed amendment (new edition) of the**

**working arrangements between ICAO and WMO**

*Note. — The chapters, titles and content descriptions indicated below are subject to change.*

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| **Chapter** | **Title** | **Content description** |
| 0. | Introduction | *Description of which entities approved these WAs and when, plus indication of previous WAs that have now been superseded.* |
| 1. | Background | *Description of historical relationship between the two Organizations, their respective mandates and the intent of these WAs.* |
| 2. | Generalities | *Description of spirit of cooperation between the two Organizations, including at SG level, and high-level principles of cooperation.* |
| 3. | Scope of application | *Description of respective rules and procedures, limits of responsibility and resources, and extent of cooperation.* |
| 4. | Standards development and standards adoption modalities | *Description of Standards development from the perspective of each Organization and implications on separate publications and joint publications.* |
| 5. | Publications and terminology | *Description of publication of common Standards in separate documents or joint documents.* |
| 6. | Copyright | *Description of copyright ownerships as they apply to publications resulting from the application of these working arrangements.* |
| 7. | Maintenance procedures | *Description of revisions to common standards and the respective approvals procedures, plus handling of revisions where common agreement has not been reached.* |
| 8. | Technical assistance and capacity development activities | *Description of respective roles and responsibilities in the provision of technical assistance and capacity development to States/Members, including mutually agreed collaborative arrangements.* |
| 9. | Education and training, qualification and competency | *Description of respective roles and responsibilities in the establishment and implementation of meteorological requirements for aeronautical meteorological personnel and for non-meteorological operational knowledge to be met by aeronautical meteorological personnel.* |
| 10. | Termination | *Description of entry into force and, where needed, early termination of these working arrangements, plus cycle for their periodic review and modification.* |

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