

NINTH SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
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ABRIDGED REPORT WITH RESOLUTION  
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Res. 36 (EC-IX) – SURFACE REPORTS FROM SHIPS IN SHORT FORM FOR USE DURING THE  
INTERNATIONAL GEOPHYSICAL YEAR

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
NOTING

- (1) Recommendations 14 (CMM-II);
- (2) That the President of the World Meteorological Organization, after consultation with the presidents of the Commissions for Synoptic Meteorology and Maritime Meteorology has adopted, on behalf of the Executive Committee, an amended version of this recommendation for use during the International Geophysical Year\*;

DECIDES to confirm the following decisions taken by the President of the Organization :

- (1) That port meteorological officers should be instructed to make special efforts, prior to and during the International Geophysical Year, to find out what ships any nationality are sailing from their ports on voyages which will take them into any part of the Southern Ocean or the unfrequented parts of the Atlantic, Pacific or Indian Oceans;
- (2) That a concerted effort be made to persuade such of these ships as have not been recruited as selected or supplementary ships to report at least in a short code form, throughout the period that they are in the areas referred to above, during the International Geophysical Year, and to complete a log-book or form in which these observations are entered;
- (3) That the meteorological services of countries, having ships plying in areas where reports are sparse,

should send to the port meteorological officers concerned (through their meteorological service) a supply of code cards and handy-size log-book or forms for recording the observations made during the International Geophysical Year;

(4) That all ships co-operating in this scheme should be requested to send the completed records to the meteorological service concerned, at the end of the voyage or when the record is complete;

(5) That the Secretary-General be instructed to supply a sufficient number of handy maps of the world, showing sparse areas where non-selected and non-supplementary ships are requested to report and the radio stations to which reports can be sent without cost;

(6) That for the International Geophysical Year, and for the International Geophysical Year only, a new code form may be used:

SHIGY YQL<sub>a</sub>L<sub>a</sub>L<sub>a</sub> L<sub>o</sub>L<sub>o</sub>L<sub>o</sub>GG Nddff VVwxW PPxTT

(w would be reported in code 90 A);

(7) That simplified code tables may be used in connection with the above code form;

(8) That the problem of the use of simplified codes for ships plying in "sparse areas" be investigated by the second session of the Commission for Synoptic Meteorology.

\* International Geophysical Year: from July 1957