

THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL  
Geneva, 28 May -1 June 1979  
ABRIDGED REPORT WITH RESOLUTION  
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Res. 5 (EC-XXXI) – COMMON CODE FOR REPORTING SURFACE OBSERVATIONS FROM DIFFERENT  
TYPES OF SURFACE STATION

THE EXECUTIVE COUCIL,  
NOTING Recommendation 14 (CBS-VII) – Common code for reporting surface observations from different types  
of surface station,

CONSIDERING that sufficient time should be given to Members to make the necessary arrangements for the  
introduction of the new common code,

DECIDES:

- (1) That codes FM 12-VII SYNOP and FM 13-VII SHIP for reporting surface observations from different  
types of surface station be introduced for international use as from 1 January 1982.
- (2) That these codes be included in Volume I of the Manual on Codes;
- (3) That these codes FM 11-V SYNOP, FM 14-V SYNOP, FM 21-V SHIP, FM 22-V SHIP, FM 23-V SHRED  
and FM 24-V SHIP be deleted from Volume I of the Manual on Codes as from 1 January 1982;

URGES Members to spare no efforts to complete all the necessary arrangements for the introduction of the new  
codes, including operational transmission and processing tests, well in advance with a view to ensuring the  
world-wide introduction of code FM 12-VII SYNOP and FM 13-VII SHIP as from 1 January 1982;

INVITES the presidents of regional associations, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to take urgent steps before 1 July 1980 to develop and adopt that regional coding procedures taking into account the regional sections in HM 12-VII SYNOP and FM 13-VII SHIP.

AUTHORIZES the president of CBS to approve editorial amendments in the regulations for these codes, as necessary.