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GENERAL SUMMARY

11.2 Punch-card and punching procedures (Agenda item 11.2)

The Commission considered the new model of an international maritime punch-card and the supplementary punching procedures. Minor amendments were adopted for these documents so as to provide for the punching, if required, of data concerning ship's course and speed, pressure tendency and precipitation. Provision was also made for the punching of two-figure data for wave height and period. The decisions of the Commission of this matter are included in Recommendations 23 and 24 (CMM-III). Recommendation 25 (CMM-III) concerning future code changes affecting the international maritime meteorological punch-card was also adopted.

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Rec.23 (CMM-III) - INTERNATIONAL MARITIME METEOROLOGICAL PUNCH-CARD

THE COMMISSION FOR MARITIME METEOROLOGY,  
NOTING Recommendation 22 (CMM-II);

CONSIDERING,

(1) That the Responsible Members\* require all available marine data of the area concerned presented in such

a manner as to permit easy and rapid processing;

(2) That this demand will be satisfied if the punch-card system is used, provided that all cards contain the same elements, punched according to the same instructions and in the same columns, and expresses as far as possible in the same units;

(3) That the existing international maritime meteorological punch-card, originally established by Resolution 23 of the Extraordinary Conference of Directors of the International Meteorological Organization (Paris, 1951) and inserted in the Technical Regulations by Resolution 17 (Cg-III), does not provide for an indication of the units used and does not prescribe uniform punching procedures;

(4) That some Members may require the exchange of data with deviated codes or additional data to facilitate the preparation of the marine section of the World Climate Atlas and climatological summaries from data of former years;

#### RECOMMENDS,

(1) That Technical Regulations, paragraph 8.2.1.4 be amended to read: "When supplying synoptic surface observations, made at mobile ship stations, to meteorological services for international use, the international maritime meteorological punch-card reproduced as Appendix F should be used";

(2) That Appendix F to the Technical Regulations be replaced by Part A of the annex to this recommendation \*\*,  
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(3) That for the punching of data with deviating codes or additional data, the supplementary instructions contained in Part B of the annex to this recommendation\*\* be used.

\* See Recommendation 22 (CMM-III)

\*\* See Annex IX