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SOT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

(Submitted by Graeme Ball (Australia), SOT Chairperson)

Summary and purpose of the document

This document provides the first draft of the proposed SOT Implementation Strategy produced by the SOT Chair in consultation with the VOSP and SOOPIP Chairs as well as the Secretariat. It has been drafted taking into account decisions and recommendations from past SOT Session, and latest developments within JCOMM and its Observations Programme Area (OPA).

ACTION PROPOSED

The Team will review the information contained in this report, and comment and make decisions or recommendations as appropriate. See part A for the details of recommended actions.

Appendices: A. Draft SOT Implementation Strategy

- A - DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL REPORT

10.1 The Team recalled that at its previous Session it agreed to review the SOT overarching implementation plan that was adopted at SOT-3, and to include in it an SOT strategy for addressing the full range of observational data requirements (drawn essentially from the RRR, and including those of WMO, OOPC, GCOS, operational oceanography and other applications) and gaps in terms of ship observations. It had requested the Chair, in liaison with the VOSP and SOOIP Chairs, and the Secretariat to update the document for review at SOT-7.

10.2 SOT-6 had also agreed that the VOS strategies should be adjusted to address the requirements for sea surface meteorology, and promote the VOS programme in particular for the making of higher quality measurements to address new requirements such as GFCS.

10.3 The Team reviewed the first draft of the SOT Implementation Strategy produced by the SOT Chair in consultation with the VOSP and SOOIP Chairs as well as the Secretariat. The Strategy provides an overall framework for the Team's work, and at the same time enables it and its members to react appropriately to future developments. The strategy elaborates on the rationale and plans for implementation of the ship fleets under SOT's responsibility in the foreseeable future. It particularly it includes the overarching implementation plan, and a detailed implementation plan with clear objectives, and some performance targets. The Team acknowledged that the document was drafted taking into the SOT overarching implementation plan adopted at SOT-3 as well as decisions and recommendations from past SOT Session, and latest developments within JCOMM and its Observations Programme Area (OPA).

10.4 The Team proposed some adjustments to the implementation strategy, and requested the SOT Chair to finalize the Strategy on behalf of the Team in consultation with the VOSP and SOOIP chairs, the OPA Coordinator, the Task Team Chair, and the Secretariat. The goal is to post the first version of the strategy on the SOT and JCOMM websites by mid-2013 (***action; G. Ball; 31 July 2013***).

Appendix: 1

APPENDIX A

DRAFT SOT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

[The document is provided in separate file available from the SOT-7 website¹]

¹ <http://www.jcomm.info/sot7>