

Terms of reference of the Task Team on “Meteorological Services for Improved Humanitarian Emergency Planning and Response”

- 1) Review and document the needs and requirements of the international humanitarian agencies for:
 - a) Meteorological, hydrological and climate services for operational procedures for planning, coordination and response to potential disasters;
 - b) Dissemination mechanisms for exchange of these services and information; and
 - c) Training with regards to the effective utilization of meteorological, hydrological and climate services;

- 2) Review the institutional mechanisms and the documented procedures established through WMO Public Weather Service (PWS) Programme in 1995 and their outcomes to enable the UN Department of Humanitarian Assistance (DHA), the predecessor of United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) to request meteorological assistance and information from the National Meteorological Centres and Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres (RSMC) serving that region;

- 3) In light of the needs and requirements of the humanitarian agencies, lessons learnt from the experiences from the PWS initiative in 1990s, new institutional and operational mechanisms resulted from the humanitarian reform, new meteorological, hydrological and climate technologies and other relevant issues, to develop an implementation plan to facilitate the provision of meteorological, hydrological and climate services to the international humanitarian agencies from National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs), RSMCs, Global and Regional Climate Centres (RCCs).