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Subject: Constituent Bodies Reform: substructures and presidents and vice-presidents of technical commissions

Action required: To provide your input as soon as possible

Dear Colleagues,

The Constituent Bodies Reform Task Force (CBR-TF) performs inter alia an oversight function with regard to the implementation of the Transition Plan for the Constituent Bodies Reform (Annex 3 to Resolution 36 (EC-70)). One task is to regularly review the Transition Plan, which first draft was presented to EC-70 (Annex 1 to Resolution 36 (EC-70)), and to provide guidance and support to the Secretary-General on its development.

On its first session, 6-8 September 2018, the Task Force developed a proposal for mapping the given tasks of the existing eight Technical Commission to the recommended new structure with two Technical Commissions (Recommendation 25, EC-70):

- Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (COIIS)
- Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (CSA)

To organize the work of these new Technical Commissions two generic substructures are proposed:

Standing Committee of a technical commission: a quasi-permanent expert body established by and reporting to a technical commission in accordance with the general terms of reference of technical commissions, items 2 and 3 (Annex II to the General Regulations) and with the specific terms of reference of the commission concerned with limited scope and terms of reference defined by the parent commission; normally, established for a period of 4 years. Standing committees are expected to deal mostly with the required normative work in accordance with their Terms of Reference, and submit recommendations and suggestions on behalf of the committee to the respective commission.

To : Presidents of WMO Regional Associations
Presidents of WMO Technical Commissions

cc: WMO President

Study Group: an expert body established by and reporting to a technical commission in accordance with the general terms of reference of technical commissions, item 1 (Annex II to the General Regulations) and with the specific terms of reference of the commission concerned to study an identified technical issue in order to provide guidance and assess the feasibility/necessity of development of technical regulations on the subject. The study group should be established for a fixed time period with a limited scope and clearly defined deliverables.

The Task Force considered the guidance provided by Annex 1 to Recommendation 35 (EC-70) and the amount of normative work done in the existing eight commissions and proposed the following initial Standing Committees:

Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems:

- a) *Earth observing systems and measurement networks*
- b) *Methods of observations, measurements and instrumentation*
- c) *Data, products and information exchange and life cycle management*
- d) *Data processing for applied Earth system modelling and prediction*

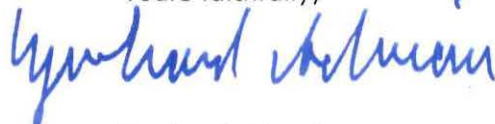
Commissions for Services and Applications:

- a) *Aeronautical meteorological services*
- b) *Marine and oceanographic meteorological services*
- c) *Agrometeorological and climatological services*
- d) *Hydrological services*
- e) *Public services and disaster risk reduction (noting Members' sovereignty on warnings)*

Recommendation 25 (EC-70) recommended that presidents and vice-presidents of technical commissions be elected by Congress from current PTCs and vice-PTCs as a one-time measure. The procedures for election will be drafted by the Secretariat. Criteria of regional, gender and discipline balance should be respected. The Task Force recommended further that the draft be reviewed by EC WG/SOP.

I am asking you for your first assessments of these concepts of substructures which will be used for the further discussion in the CBR-TF. Please send your input to the Director of Cabinet and External Relations Department (rmasters@wmo.int), copy to me (gerhard.adrian@dwd.de), the Secretary-General (ptaalas@wmo.int), the Deputy Secretary-General (emanaenkova@wmo.int), the Assistant Secretary-General (wzhang@wmo.int) and the Executive Assistant to the Secretary-General (sbelfiore@wmo.int).

Yours faithfully,



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