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**TO THE ISO MEMBER BODIES AND
CORRESPONDENT MEMBERS**

**Recognition of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) as an
international standardizing body**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that Council has recently recognized the WMO as an international standardizing body. The relevant Council Resolution adopted by correspondence reads as follows:

Council,

noting the confirmation by the TMB that the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) fulfils the prerequisites laid down in 1.1 and 1.2 of Council resolution 42/1999,

accepts the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) as an international standardizing body for the purpose of Council Resolution 42/1999 with a view to WMO documents being processed as ISO International Standards where there is no competent ISO technical committee, following the procedure set out in Council Resolution 42/1999.

(Council Resolution 43/2007)

NOTE – The above-mentioned Council Resolution 42/1999 is attached.

I would also like to inform you that working arrangements for the implementation of the above resolution are being finalized by ISO and WMO; their aim is to strengthen the development of International Standards and to avoid duplication of work on standards related to meteorological, climatological, hydrological, marine and related environmental data, products and services.

I wish to recall that, in addition to the WMO, the following three organizations have previously been recognized by Council as international standardizing bodies:

- International Commission on Illumination (CIE);
- International Institute of Welding (IIW);
- International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Societies (IULTCS).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alan Bryden', written over a large, stylized, hand-drawn scribble that resembles a signature or a large 'X'.

Alan Bryden

Enclosure

cc. President
Vice-President (policy)
Vice-President (technical management)

Treasurer
IEC General Secretary



Council Resolution 42/1999

Council,

expressing positive interest for a development which would enable international standards developed by international standardizing bodies to be accepted as ISO standards,

deeming that the application of certain ISO technical committee procedures should be waived when such international standards have already been subjected to development procedures equivalent to those of ISO technical committees,

approves the following preconditions and procedures for the adoption as ISO standards of international standards developed by international standardizing bodies:

1. Preconditions

1.1 The international standardizing body (**a standardizing body which is open to the relevant bodies of all countries**) may be recognized by ISO as having comparable technical expertise to that of ISO, i.e. it should be established that their standards are prepared by groups of experts whose knowledge and international experience is comparable to that of an ISO technical committee. Such recognition shall normally only be made in cases where there is no competent ISO technical committee. If there is such an ISO technical committee, its views shall be sought before Council decides to recognize such an international standardizing body for the purpose of this Council resolution.

1.2 The international standardizing body should be prepared to allow its standards to be accepted as ISO standards in accordance with the ISO rules. According to the case, provision may also be made for the adoption of such documents as other types of ISO publication, e.g. as technical specifications (TS) or publicly available specifications (PAS).

1.3 Cooperative agreements with respect to copyright, marketing and sales shall be agreed between ISO and the international standardizing body.

1.4 Council will decide, on an individual basis, on the acceptability of any international standardizing body.

2. Procedure for adoption as ISO standards

2.1a) Draft standards prepared by an international standardizing body recognized as having comparable technical expertise to that of ISO may be registered as draft International Standards (DIS) at the ISO Central Secretariat.

2.1b) Draft standards which have been subject to a technical enquiry (equivalent to ISO's DIS procedure) and published standards prepared by an international standardizing body recognized as having comparable technical expertise to that of ISO may be registered as final draft International Standards (FDIS) at the ISO Central Secretariat.

2.2 The Central Secretariat shall distribute the documents to the member bodies for voting within five months for cases covered by both 2.1a) and 2.1b). In order to be approved, the appropriate acceptance criteria in Part 1 of the ISO/IEC Directives shall be met.

2.3 If approved, the documents shall be further processed in accordance with Part 1 of the ISO/IEC Directives.

This resolution supersedes Council Resolution 19/1984.