

## **CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND PLANS IN ITWG**

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### **Summary and Purpose of Document**

The ITWG is a sub-group of the CGMS and the International Radiation Commission (IRC). For many years ITWG was only a sub-group of the IRC, but had a close relationship with CGMS. However in 2012 the CGMS relationship was made more formal, to the benefit of both groups, whilst retaining the important relationship of ITWG to the IRC. The outcomes and actions from the last ITSC meeting organised by the ITWG were summarised in the working group report available at the ITWG website, <http://cimss.ssec.wisc.edu/itwg/itsc/itsc18/index.html>.

ITWG has six sub working groups that meet at each ITSC and form their own individual working group report. The ITWG co-chairs then consider these reports and summarise the major outcomes into a series of major recommendations that are presented to the CGMS. The last meeting of ITWG, ITSC-18, was held in Toulouse, France and hosted by Meteo-France and 22 key recommendations were made. Examples include consideration of the optimal orbital configuration for sounders and access to Russian data. A presentation will be given on the main highlights of ITSC-18.

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### **ACTION PROPOSED**

The seventh session is invited to take note of the information provided in this presentation.