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REVIEW OF THE ECWG-CWE ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE

REFERENCES:

1. Final Report of Cg-XV (Res 8)
2. Final Report of the EC-LX.
3. Final Report of the first meeting of ECWG-CWE, 26-28 March 2008
4. Final Report of the second meeting of ECWG-CWE, 11-13 February 2009
5. Final Report of the extra-ordinary meeting of ECWG-CWE, 21-23 October 2009

ACTION PROPOSED:

It is recommended that the EC Working Group consider the progress report of the achievements of the Group since Congress-XV, 2007.

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- Appendix 1: Draft text for inclusion in the general summary of the report of the EC-WG on Climate and Related Weather, Water and Environmental Matters
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6 REVIEW OF THE EC WG-CWE ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE

6.1 Background

Resolution 8 (Cg-XV) on World Climate Programme and its Coordination requested the Executive Council to re-establish, with updated terms of reference, an Executive Council Advisory Group on Climate and Environment.

Resolution 22 (EC-LIX), decided to establish Executive Council Working Group on Climate and Related Water and Environmental Matters with the following Terms of Reference. In addition to the 13 regular EC members (including the chair), EC-LIX approved that the President of CCI, the President of CHy, the President of CAS, Chairman of JSC of WCRP, Chairman of GCOS Steering Committee, Chairman of IPCC and a Representative of GEO be made Ex-Officio members of the Group.

6.2 Terms of Reference of the Executive Council Working Group on Climate and Related Water and Environmental Matters

The Executive Council Working Group on Climate and Related Water and Environmental Matters (EC WG-CWE) was established to advise the Executive Council on all matters related to the climate activities of WMO in order to promote better coordination among WMO bodies and programmes and to strengthen the WMO partnership with other United Nations and scientific organizations concerned with climate. The working group will also seek to promote the valuable contribution of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services to the adaptation strategies of Members. The working group will carry out the following activities:

- (a) Review present climate-relevant activities of WMO, and to assess their effectiveness in view of the expected results of the WMO supporting national and international activities related to sustainable development, and make recommendations for improvement;
- (b) Provide recommendations to promote and strengthen collaboration between and coordination of efforts among all WMO technical commissions with regard to climate matters;
- (c) Provide recommendations on the effectiveness and coordination between the co-sponsored programmes (World Climate Research Programme and Global Climate Observing System) and panels (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) as required on climate issues;
- (d) Identify implications for WMO of the decisions of other international organizations and conventions on the functioning and activities of all climate-related programmes of WMO and recommend appropriate actions;
- (e) Recommend actions on follow-up on the outcomes of the climate and water-related conferences, taking into account the needs of developing and least developed countries;
- (f) Collaborate with the Executive Council Working Group on Capacity Building to mobilize resources in support of sustained climate services, input for and adaptation strategies, particularly for developing and least developed countries;
- (g) Establish close collaboration with the Executive Council Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction [and Service Delivery], to oversee a mechanism for strengthening effective international partnership with disaster risk reduction agencies and activities of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction system.

ECWG-CWE held its first meeting in Geneva, from 26-28 March 2008. The Title and the Terms of Reference of the Group was amended as provided in para below.

6.3 Revised Terms of Reference of EC WG-CWE

EC WG-CWE in its first meeting reviewed its terms of references and recommended to Executive Council that the title of the Group be amended to read: Executive Council Working Group on

Climate and related **Weather**, Water and Environmental Matters (EC WG-CWE). The Working Group also suggested revised TORs, later approved by the EC-LXI, which are as follows:

- (a) Review present climate relevant activities of WMO, and to assess their effectiveness in achieving the Expected Results of the WMO Strategic Plan;
- (b) Provide recommendations to promote and strengthen collaboration between and coordination of efforts among all WMO sponsored and cosponsored research and technical programmes, commissions and panels with regard to the climate and related weather, water and environment matters;
- (c) Advise on how to further strengthen and increase the effectiveness of WMO's partnerships with other UN agencies, international agencies and regional bodies involved in climate matters –including the water related aspects of climate;
- (d) Review decisions of other international organizations and conventions related to the functioning and activities of all climate related programmes of WMO; assess the implications and recommend appropriate actions;
- (e) Review outcomes of conferences dealing with climate and related weather, water and environmental matters taking into account the needs of developing and least developed countries and recommend appropriate actions;
- (f) Collaborate with the Executive Council Working Group on Capacity Building and with the Resource Mobilization Office (RMO) to mobilize resources in support of sustained climate services, input for and adaptation strategies, particularly for developing and least developed countries;
- (g) Review WMO Climate and related weather, water and environment activities associated with disaster risk reduction in close collaboration with the EC Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction and Service Delivery and the Disaster Risk Reduction and Service Delivery Branch (DSD);
- (h) Identify opportunities and recommend appropriate actions to leverage outside resources to support achievement of WMO's expected results in the area of climate, including through innovative public private partnerships;
- (i) Identify challenges and opportunities related to the development of the network of Regional Climate Centers, enhance the capacities of NMHSs through CLIPS and advise EC and Members on ways to expedite the RCCs' becoming operational.

6.4 REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EC WG-CWE

The EC WG-CWE and its achievements under its Terms of Reference are presented in the Table attached. The Group may like to review the achievements and make any recommendations to the EC-LXII.

Table: Review of ECWG-CWE Achievements under its Terms of Reference

Item	Terms of Reference	Action Taken	Remarks
(a)	Review present climate relevant activities of WMO, and to assess their effectiveness in achieving the Expected Results of the WMO Strategic Plan	The Group has considered review of WMO's climate-related programmes and their progress reports on annual basis. (Item 3 of ECWG-CWE-I and ECG-CWE-II final reports)	Item 4.4 of the report of the first meeting
(b)	Provide recommendations to promote and strengthen collaboration between and coordination of efforts among all WMO sponsored and cosponsored research and technical programmes, commissions and panels with regard to the climate and related weather, water and environment matters	- Establishment of EC-RTT by EC to report on WCRP, and CAS, as a follow up to ECWG-CWE recommendations	- Item 3, report of the first and second meeting
		- Organization of a joint Technical Conference between CCI and JSC of WCRP, February 2010. Follow up will be made to the outcomes of the Technical Conference	- Item 7, report of the second meeting
(c)	Advise on how to further strengthen and increase the effectiveness of WMO's partnerships with other UN agencies, international agencies and regional bodies involved in climate matters – including the water related aspects of climate	- The Group has regularly considered progress report of WMO's participation in CEB, HLCP and UN Delivering As One initiative, where, WMO-UNESCO have been given leading role on 'Climate Knowledge base	Item 5 of the first meeting and 3.3 of the second meeting
		- The Group has regularly considered WMO's participation in the UNFCCC COP process and advised accordingly	
(d)	Review decisions of other international organizations and conventions related to the functioning and activities of all climate related programmes of WMO; assess the implications and recommend appropriate actions	- Mainly decisions of the UNFCCC SBSTA, COP and AWG meetings have been elaborated in this Group	Item 4.10, report of first meeting and item 3 of second meeting
		- GCOS SC, WCRP JSC and IPCC Plenary meetings have been elaborated in the Group and relevant recommendations are made	
(e)	Review outcomes of conferences dealing with climate and related weather, water and environmental matters taking into account the needs of developing and least developed countries and recommend appropriate actions	- The Group discussed in detail contribution of climate and related water activities to LDCs, among which, ClimDev, RCOFs and CLIPS were emphasized as priority areas	Item 4.11, report of first meeting
		- The Group in its extra-ordinary meeting, 21-23 October 2009, had in-depth discussions on the implementation of the outcome of WCC-3 and finalization of WMO Position Paper for Implementation of GFCS	Item 4.7, report of first meeting
		- The Group considered the report of International Symposium on Climate Change and Food Security, which had some implications to LDCs	

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(f)	Collaborate with the Executive Council Working Group on Capacity Building and with the Resource Mobilization Office (RMO) to mobilize resources in support of sustained climate services, input for and adaptation strategies, particularly for developing and least developed countries	Resource mobilization, as an independent item has only been considered for IPY projects and WCC-3	Item 4.7, report of the first meeting
(g)	Review WMO Climate and related weather, water and environment activities associated with disaster risk reduction in close collaboration with the EC Working Group on Disaster Risk Reduction and Service Delivery and the Disaster Risk Reduction and Service Delivery Branch (DSD)	- The Group has interacted with ECWG-DRR and discussed climate risk implications	Item 4.2.6, report of the first meeting
		- OPACE- IV of CCI new Structure, on Adaptation and Climate Risk Management will provide reasonable basis to address adaptation strategies, and assistance to LDCs	
(h)	Identify opportunities and recommend appropriate actions to leverage outside resources to support achievement of WMO's expected results in the area of climate, including through innovative public private partnerships	- The Group has made detailed recommendations on leading role of WMO-UNESCO within Climate Knowledge Base', implementation of a joint portal for climate knowledge, (UNESCO has allocated appropriate budget to share costs with WMO on this project)	Item 4, report of the first meeting
		- The Group kept a close watch on the resource mobilization efforts for WCC-3	
(i)	Identify challenges and opportunities related to the development of the network of Regional Climate Centers, enhance the capacities of NMHSs through CLIPS and advise EC and Members on ways to expedite the RCCs' becoming operational	The Group has regularly monitored progress of work on RCCs within ER2 of the Strategic Plan and made recommendations to EC	- Item 4.8, report of the first meeting
			- Item 8, report of the second meeting