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1. The EC WG CWE was briefed on the outcomes of the Intergovernmental meeting for the High Level Task Force for the GFCS, organized by WMO on 11-12 January 2010 in Geneva, and on the 1st meeting of the HLT on 25-26 February 2010.
2. The Working Group noted that the General Principles and Factors to be addressed in completing the work of the HLT have been described in annex 2 of:
http://www.wmo.int/pages/documents/IGM_HLT_GFCS_Final_report_1061_en.pdf.
3. The Working Group endorsed the way forward as outlined in the agenda item document (Doc 3). Working Group Members requested that some time be allocated in the Working Group Agenda for the face to face meeting on March 27 for a brief discussion of the ongoing follow-up to WCC-3 in the light of Doc 3 and any other information or views that may emerge over the next ten days, for example from the e-discussions of items 4A and 4B. To enable improved briefing material for EC, this discussion should address the following questions:
 - What was the response of the HLT to the WMO Position Paper and what role is this position paper formally playing in the further meetings of the HLT, if any?
 - What is the formal status and resourcing of the HLT Secretariat? Who is heading the HLT Secretariat? In particular, Working Group members sought advice on the financial implications of the operations of the HLG on the WMO budget and the need for transparency in this regard.
 - Did the HLT deliberate on the process and time-steps foreseen to consult with the national political level, i.e. the respective Ministries as specific stakeholders?
