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JOINT MEETING

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**CIMO EXPERT TEAM ON
UPPER-AIR SYSTEMS INTERCOMPARISONS**
Second Session

ITEM: 1.2

AND

**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (IOC) ON
UPPER-AIR SYSTEMS INTERCOMPARISONS**
Second Session

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

1.1 Opening of the session

The second session of the CIMO Expert Team on Upper-Air Systems Intercomparisons (ET) and the second session of the International Organizing Committee on Upper-Air Systems Intercomparisons (IOC) will be opened on Monday, 28 November 2005, at 09:30 a.m. at the WMO Headquarters, Geneva.

1.2 Adoption of the agenda

The joint ET and IOC meeting will be invited to consider the provisional agenda with a view of its adoption.

1.3 Working arrangements for the session

The joint ET and IOC meeting will agree on details concerning the organization of its work including working hours. The documentation will be available in English only, and the meeting will be held in English. Dr J. Nash, the vice-president of CIMO and the ET and IOC chairman will chair the joint meeting.

2. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The ET/IOC chairman will submit a report on the activities carried out since the first session, Geneva, Switzerland, 17-20 March 2004.

3. WMO INTERCOMPARISON OF HIGH QUALITY RADIOSONDE SYSTEMS

The chairman will present the draft Final report of the WMO Intercomparison of High Quality Radiosonde Systems held in Vacoas, Mauritius, 7-25 February 2005. The meeting will be invited to discuss the Final report, make necessary adjustments and agree on the Final version. The ET/IOC members are invited to provide the chairmen with written comments to the draft Final Report not later than two weeks before the session. Draft Final report will be accessible through the CIMO/IMOP website.

The meeting will also discuss the data policy, presentation of results and publication of the Final report.

4. FUTURE INTERCOMPARISONS

The meeting will discussed the need for future WMO upper-air systems intercomparisons, including the Regional/National radiosonde comparisons as a follow-up of the WMO Intercomparisons of High Quality Radiosonde Systems.

5. WORK PLAN

The ET members will be invited to review the Work Plan and make necessary adjustments.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Joint ET/IOC meeting will consider the report of the HMEI representative on the Interoperable Upper-Air Systems, report on the Performance measures to demonstrate continuous improvement in the quality of upper-air observations and may also consider other issues proposed by ET/IOC members at the session.

7. DRAFT REPORT OF THE SESSION

The joint ET/IOC meeting will agree on the draft Report of the Session. Members of ET and IOC are expected to provide their written inputs for the Final Report to the chair of the joint meeting.

8. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

It is expected to close the meeting on Wednesday, 30 November 2005, late afternoon.