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**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE EVOLUTION OF GLOBAL OBSERVING
SYSTEMS (EGOS-IP)**

**REVIEW OF GUIDANCE FROM EC, CONGRESS, AND ICG-WIGOS ON THE EGOS-
IP AND ITS STATUS AS PART OF WIGOS IMPLEMENTATION**

(Submitted by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF DOCUMENT

The document provides a brief summary of available guidance from WMO Congress, Executive Council and ICG-WIGOS regarding EGOS-IP

ACTION PROPOSED

The Meeting is invited to note the information contained in this document when discussing how it organises its work and formulates its recommendations.

DISCUSSION

1. The 16th World Meteorological Congress, in its Resolution 3 (Final Report on the web¹), reaffirmed that

“sustainable operation of GOS has a vital role and highest priority for WMO in providing observational data to meet the requirements of weather forecasts and warnings, climate monitoring and other strategic tasks of the Organization”,

and further urged Members to

“follow guidelines and recommendations contained in the *Implementation Plan for Evolution of Space and Surface-Based Sub-systems of the GOS (EGOS-IP)*, published as WMO/TD-No. 1267, and nominate/update a national point of contact responsible for reporting progress and plans in their country related to EGOS-IP”

2. At its 65th Session (Final Report on the web²), the WMO Executive Council urged Members, in collaboration with partner organizations and identified agents in the EGOS-IP, to address the 115 actions listed in the and requested Members, who have not yet done so, to nominate National Focal Points tasked to monitor the implementation of the EGOS-IP nationally, report on implementation issues, and to provide feedback to the CBS Inter-Programme Expert Team the Observing Systems Design and Evolution through the Secretariat.

3. ICG-WIGOS-3 updated the WIGOS Implementation Plan (see the version updated after the session: WIP, v 2.9 on the web³), making specific reference to the EGOS-IP in two places in Table two of the WIP, namely entries 3.2.1 and 3.3.1. These address regional and national aspects, respectively, and although the current delivery dates for these elements is still listed as occurring during the current financial period, the reality is that many of the activities will not commence until after Cg-XVII in 2015. This will delay the reporting of progress listed as deliverables in the table. The meeting is invited to make recommendation on the methods for collecting and reporting this feedback from the Regions and individual Members.

1 ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/mainweb/meetings/cbodies/governance/congress_reports/english/pdf/1077_en.pdf

2 ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/mainweb/meetings/cbodies/governance/executive_council_reports/english/pdf/1118_en.pdf

3 http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/WIGOS-WIS/reports/App-II_WIP_v.2.9_ICG-WIGOS-3_ver_19-03-14.doc