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Annex: 1

Subject: Joint Inspection Unit Review of Governing Body Structures in WMO

Dear Sir/Madam,

In [Resolution 41 \(Cg-19\)](#) – Actions emanating from the evaluation of the WMO Governance Reform, Congress requested the Executive Council to commission an external evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of WMO bodies and structures to inform the decisions of the twentieth session of the World Meteorological Congress.

The Executive Council responded to the request of Congress in [Resolution 13 \(EC-79\)](#) – External Evaluation of Effectiveness and Efficiency of WMO bodies and structures by requesting the Secretary-General to entrust the external evaluation to the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU).

Following the completion of the review by JIU, I am pleased to transmit to you the report of the JIU entitled “Joint Inspection Unit Review of Governing Body Structures in WMO” ([JIU/REP/2026/2](#)) (see [Annex](#)). The translation of this report in French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese and Arabic is available on the EC-80 minisite ([EC-80/INF. 5.1](#)).

The report, which contains eleven recommendations addressed to the WMO governing bodies and one recommendation addressed to the Secretary-General, will be on the agenda of the eightieth and eighty-first sessions of the Executive Council (EC-80, 2026; EC-81, 2027) for possible recommendations to the twentieth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-20, 2027).

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous support to the Organization.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Celeste Saulo  
Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

**SECRETARY-GENERAL'S COMMENTS ON THE JIU REPORT  
"REVIEW OF GOVERNING BODY STRUCTURES IN THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL  
ORGANIZATION (WMO)" (JIU/REP/2)**

**General Comments**

1. The Secretary-General expresses her appreciation for the comprehensive nature and for the quality of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) entitled "Review of governing body structures in the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)". In this regard, the Secretary-General wishes to thank all the Members and individuals who have contributed to the report.
2. The Secretariat received the draft report on 9 March 2026 and provided their comments on 25 March 2026. Subsequently, the Secretariat received an advance copy on 20 April 2026 and the final report on 5 May 2026. The Secretary-General considers that the comments by the Secretariat were adequately reflected in the final report.
3. The report was presented to and reviewed by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) of the Executive Council at its second session of 2026 (30 April). PAC recommended to the Executive Council at its eightieth session (EC-80) the establishment of a task force to comprehensively analyse the report and its recommendations and present such analysis to the Executive Council at its eighty-first session (EC-81) in 2027 for follow-up and possible recommendations to the twentieth World Meteorological Congress.

**Specific Comments**

4. As requested by Resolution 13 (EC-79), the Secretariat has taken action to convey the report and Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 to EC-80, including a draft resolution.
5. The Secretary-General supports and accepts Recommendation 11. In addition, the Secretary-General wishes to make the following remarks in relation to the Recommendation:
  - (a) WMO and its Members are authoritative sources of robust, evidence-based information to support decision-making in meteorology and hydrology at national, regional, and global levels; yet there is scope to strengthen the influence of the Organization on global processes related to its mandate;
  - (b) Strengthening the connection between WMO and the United Nations system has long been identified by the Secretary-General as a strategic priority in order to enhance the contribution of WMO and National Meteorological and Hydrological Services to the advancement of global agendas;
  - (c) The Secretary-General agrees that strengthened engagement with United Nations Secretariat entities, Member States and inter-agency coordination mechanisms can contribute to increased visibility of WMO expertise and facilitate partnerships and resource mobilization opportunities. The Secretary-General further agrees that the Early Warnings for All initiative has been an important step in this direction;
  - (d) The Secretary-General notes that WMO has historically operated with institutional characteristics distinct from those of the broader United Nations system, as organizational priorities, planning processes, reporting mechanisms and resulting staff profiles have largely been shaped by the activities and requirements of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services. The Secretary-General further notes that efforts to enhance engagement with United Nations system entities, Member States and multilateral initiatives are already under way and can be leveraged. This includes a draft decision being presented to EC-80 (Draft Decision 4.1/1) on prioritizing engagement with the UN Development System at the

global and regional levels, in support of the broader UN system delivery while enhancing WMO visibility and resource mobilization efforts;

- (e) In implementing this recommendation, the Secretariat will build on existing coordination and advocacy mechanisms to develop a coherent and targeted outreach approach aligned with WMO strategic priorities, while also considering additional measures to strengthen WMO engagement and integration within United Nations system-wide processes, to the benefit of its Members.

6. Reporting on the implementation of Recommendation 11 and other recommendations of JIU/REP/2026/2 will be done by the Secretary-General through the overall regular reporting on JIU recommendations to the Executive Council and Congress.

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