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Annex: 1

Subject: Summary outcomes of BUR-75 session

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the seventy-fifth Bureau session was held at the WMO headquarters in Geneva, from 25 to 27 January 2016.

The major outcomes of the session, which focused on organizational matters for EC-68, are summarized in the attached annex. I hope that you will find this information useful, and I look forward to the continued strengthening of the cooperation between all WMO Members.

Yours faithfully,

(D. Grimes)
President of WMO

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6896)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

**WMO BUREAU SEVENTY-FIFTH SESSION
(25–27 January 2016, WMO headquarters)**

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. Mr D. Grimes, President of WMO, opened the 75th session of the Bureau on 25 January 2016 at 9.30 a.m. on the WMO premises in Geneva. He welcomed participants and noted that the topic for discussion on the agenda would be the organizational matters for EC-68 and the follow-up to the decisions of Cg-17, also with a view to organize the work of the sessions of EC in 2016–2018.
2. All participants joined the President in congratulating Prof. P. Taalas for his election as Secretary-General, welcoming him to his first meeting of the Bureau and expressing their support to him to enhance the functioning, leadership and visibility of WMO. The President thanked Ms Furgione for joining the meeting through teleconference from Washington D.C.
3. The agenda was adopted as given in [Annex I](#).
4. The list of participants to the meeting is given in [Annex II](#).

2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS FOR EC-68

5. The Bureau considered the status of organizational arrangements for EC-68 as introduced by ASG.
6. The Bureau reviewed the tentative agenda of EC-68 and considered approaches to enhance efficiency of conduct of the session and effectiveness of decisionmaking. The Bureau was in favour of the following approaches:
 - (a) Working documents should be available in all working languages by the statutory deadline (not later than 45 days ahead of the session as per General Regulation 152), thus giving delegates time to familiarize themselves with the issues on the agenda and to elaborate their positions. EC members would be able to provide feedback on the documents and revised versions would be issued, if needed, two weeks before the session. In exceptional cases documents could be submitted at a later stage (e.g., FINAC and AC reports);
 - (b) Working documents should be succinct and action oriented, facilitating the identification of proposed decisions. The general summary of the work of the session (former part A) should comprise structured decisions and resolutions, as per the template developed by ASG (Note 1, Appendix 6);
 - (c) A consolidated report summarizing all the progress information, including from Departments, President, PRAs, PTCs and SG, should be compiled and made available six weeks before the session at the latest; this will not be presented or discussed at the session but noted by EC;
 - (d) Reporting time should be reduced to a minimum, consolidating Secretariat reporting under the presentation by the Secretary-General, complemented by the report of the President and regional and technical highlights by PRAs and PTCs under relevant agenda items;
 - (e) Agenda items should be considered in a more integrated way, reducing fragmentation and consolidating them under major themes, like climate;

- (f) Discussion on agenda items should focus on issues that require formal decisions and resolutions by the EC, based on the information provided in session documents.
7. Regarding the structure of the agenda, the Bureau reviewed and agreed on the inclusion of the scientific and technical issues demanding a decision by EC.
8. In particular, the Bureau noted that synergies should be sought among programmes addressing coastal inundation, tropical cyclones and sea level rise.
9. The Bureau considered challenges and opportunities arising from the engagement of the private sector in many domains of activities of NMHSs, including aviation, and recommended that a day of EC be devoted to this subject, including selected introductory presentations by private and public sector actors.
10. The Bureau further considered the importance of properly identifying and making visible socioeconomic benefits from weather, climate and hydrological services delivered by NMHSs and recommended to include the organization of the International Conference on Assessing and Communicating Socio-economic Benefits of Weather, Climate and Hydrological Services (Madrid+10) as a separate agenda item together with the International Conference on MHEWS.
11. The Bureau also asked to consider for future sessions Quality Management, Gender and Communication and Public Affairs topics integrated across agenda items.

Establishment of working committees and rapporteurs

12. The Bureau agreed that the Rapporteur on Previous Resolutions of the EC and the following in-session committees could be recommended to EC:
- Committee on the Theme for World Meteorological Day 2018 (open ended);
 - Committee on Budget (to be decided at a later stage).

Conduct of session and chairpersonships

13. The Bureau agreed that details concerning the timetable of the session would be discussed by the President with the Secretary-General. The President will also consult with the Vice-Presidents regarding allocation of items for chairpersonships.

3. ANY OTHER MATTERS

14. There were no other matters to discuss.

4. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

15. The Bureau decided that the next meeting would be held on 14 June 2016 prior to EC-68 and in conjunction with FINAC.

5. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

16. The President closed the meeting at 12.30 p.m. on 27 January 2016.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU**

D. Grimes	President
A. Divino Moura	First Vice-President
M. S. Ostojski	Second Vice-President
A. Mokssit	Third Vice-President
P. Taalas	Secretary-General

INVITED PARTICIPANTS

A. Frolov	Director, WMC in the Russian Federation
L. Furgione	Director, WMC in the United States of America (via teleconference)
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ATTENDED ALSO BY

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