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Annex: 1

Subject: Bureau 77 session report

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the seventy-seventh Bureau session was held at the WMO headquarters in Geneva, 12-13 January 2017.

The major outcomes of the session, which focused on organizational matters for EC-69, are summarized in the attached Summary of Outcomes. 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

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives)
Permanent Missions in Geneva) (for information)

**WMO BUREAU SEVENTY-SEVENTH SESSION
(12 to 13 January 2017, WMO headquarters)**

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. Mr D. Grimes, President of WMO, opened the 77th session of Bureau on 12 January 2017 at 9.30 a.m. on the WMO premises in Geneva. He welcomed participants and noted that the topics for discussion on the agenda would be the organizational matters for EC-69 and the follow-up to the decisions of Cg-17 and EC-68, with a view to organizing the work of the sessions of EC in 2017 and 2018.
2. The agenda was adopted as given in [Annex I](#).
3. Given the departure of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice-Presidents and the on-going process to elect their replacements, participation was limited. The list of participants to the meeting is given in [Annex II](#).

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS FOR EC-69

4. The Bureau considered the status of organizational arrangements for EC-69 introduced by the DSG. The Bureau expressed general satisfaction with the revised approach, format and document organization for EC-68 where working documents were succinct and action oriented, facilitating the identification of proposed decisions. The Bureau agreed that the EC-69 session should continue to use this approach to structure decisions and resolutions.
5. The Bureau reviewed the tentative agenda of EC-69 and considered approaches to enhance efficiency of conduct of the session and effectiveness of decision-making. The Bureau discussed the following aspects:
 - (a) Some improvement could still be found to limit discussions to the real decisions to be made and to better align background information provided to these decisions;
 - (b) There was general agreement that power point presentations prior to consideration of documents should not be the norm, rather presentations should be reserved for relatively few topics to introduce, for example novel or complex issues. Side events may also be scheduled to supplement information and to enable more time for discussion;
 - (c) As was done at EC 68, a consolidated report summarizing all the progress information, including from Departments, the 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. It was suggested that a separate information paper was needed to discuss progress made with key partners;
 - (d) Reporting time during the session 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. The President would speak to the broad agenda of EC-69 and report on the outcomes of joint meetings of the PRAs and PTCs. He should welcome new PRs and the new presidents of RA II and RA IV. The SG should provide a brief overview of the activities of the Secretariat, relationships within the United Nations, including WMO's involvement in key events and across major themes such as climate, SDGs, and MHEWs.

6. The Bureau considered follow-up to EC-68 discussion of the challenges and opportunities arising from the engagement of the private sector, noting the need to develop a policy framework to assist Members. The Bureau also recommended that a day of EC be devoted to the subject of aviation, including selected introductory presentations by relevant sectors. The outcome would be to inform EC members of changes occurring and to build principles of engagement for constructive work with the aviation community.

7. The Bureau considered the need for a communications strategy integrated across agenda items, with a proposed plan across events and well-coordinated with Members.

Establishment of working committees and rapporteurs

8. The Bureau agreed that the Rapporteur on Previous Resolutions of the EC and the following in-session committees could be recommended to EC:

- (a) Committee on the Theme for World Meteorological Day 2018 (open ended);
- (b) Committee on Budget and Strategic Planning;
- (c) An in-session Committee on the WMO structure may also be recommended.

Conduct of session and chairpersons

9. The Bureau reviewed the major topics expected for discussion with a view to better understanding the timetable of the session. It was agreed that the President further discuss session timing with SG once session documents have been prepared. The President also agreed to consult with the new First Vice-President (once elected) and to seek assistance from the presidents of RA I and RA III in the chairing of EC-69. More frequent coordination committees could be required to ensure the effective chairing of sessions.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

10. The Bureau discussed the composition and format of the bodies reporting to EC, noting the departure of a number of EC members.

DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

11. The Bureau decided that the next meeting would be held on just prior to EC-69 and in conjunction with FINAC.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

12. The President closed the meeting at 12.30 p.m. on 13 January 2017.

AGENDA

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU

D. Grimes	President
P. Taalas	Secretary-General

WMO SECRETARIAT

E. Manaenkova	Deputy Secretary-General
W. Zhang	Assistant Secretary-General
R. Masters	Director, Cabinet and External Relations Department

ATTENDED ALSO BY

H. Aucoin	Advisor to President
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