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Subject: Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM) and Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM) approved decisions

Action required: Note the establishment of INFCOM and SERCOM subsidiary bodies and work programmes

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Joint Session of the Technical Commissions and the Research Board, originally planned to take place from 4 to 8 April 2020 in Geneva, Switzerland, was conducted via correspondence during the period from 18 March to 15 May. Priority was given to reaching an agreement on the working structures of the technical commissions, including deciding on the terms of reference of the standing committees and study groups, the appointment of chairpersons and vice-chairpersons, and approving their work programmes. All other decisions originally included in the agenda for the joint session will be deferred to the physical session, tentatively planned for 9 to 13 November 2020.

The two principal documents with resolutions establishing and defining the subsidiary bodies and work programmes of the commissions, namely INFCOM-1/Doc. 3 and SERCOM-1/Doc. 3, have been reviewed by Members and have greatly benefited from their comments. I am pleased to inform you that these two documents are now approved. The final versions, in all languages, are being published (English followed by all other official languages) on the joint session website at: <https://meetings.wmo.int/JM-TC>.

With the adoption of the above-mentioned resolutions, the Management Groups of both Commissions will now meet via teleconference to populate the membership of the standing committees and study groups as well as the subsidiary expert teams, and to begin the prioritization and implementation of the workplans.

Members are strongly encouraged to continue updating and nominating experts through the <https://public.wmo.int/en/community-platform> according to the required expertise as identified for the successful completion of the programmes of work. The contributions of these experts are vital for both technical commissions as well as for the work of the Research Board.

Yours faithfully,

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cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives