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الموضوع: المحاضر المؤقتة للمؤتمر السادس عشر للمنظمة العالمية للأرصاد الجوية (WMO)

الإجراء المطلوب: تقديم أي ملاحظات على المحاضر في موعد غايته 9 تموز/ يوليو 2012

تحية طيبة وبعد،

يسرني أن أرفق طيه المحاضر المؤقتة للجلسات العامة الثامنة والتاسعة والعاشرة في المؤتمر السادس عشر للمنظمة (WMO).

وطبقا للمادة 114 من اللائحة العامة، يرجى التفضل بموافاة الأمانة بأي تعديلات تقتر هونها على البيانات التي أدليتم بها، أو بأي ملاحظات على المحاضر. ونرحب بتلقي تعليقاتكم قبل 9 تموز/ يوليو 2012. وسنتخذ الأمانة حينئذ إجراءات أخرى وفقاً لما تنص عليه المادة 114 سالفة الذكر.

وتفضلوا بقبول فائق الاحترام،

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## MINUTES OF THE SIXTEENTH WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS

## Eighth, ninth and tenth plenary meetings Agenda items 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3

As decided by Congress, minutes were prepared for items 12.1, 12.2 and 12.3, which were dealt with at the eighth, ninth and tenth plenary meetings.

#### Appointment of the Secretary-General

24 May 2011, eighth plenary meeting, agenda item 12.3 (Cg-XVI/PINK 12.3(1), REV.1 and Cg-XVI/PINK 12.3(2))

The **President** recalled Article 21(a) of the Convention and General Regulation 135(20),<sup>1</sup> governing the appointment of the Secretary-General by Congress, and General Regulations 56 to 63,<sup>2</sup> 94 to108<sup>3</sup> and 198,<sup>4</sup> which stipulated the electoral procedure. The President explained that he had written to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of all Members in June 2010 inviting those who wished to do so to present candidates for the post of Secretary-General (with effect from 1 January 2012). Three nominations had been received and had been passed to the chairperson of the Nomination Committee.

The **Chairperson of the Nomination Committee** presented Document Cg-XVI/PINK 12.3(1), REV.1, in which the candidatures of Mr Mehmet Çağlar (Turkey), Mr Michel Jarraud (France) and Mr Geoffrey Love (Australia) were submitted for the post of Secretary-General of WMO for the sixteenth financial period. He reported that all candidates were eligible and willing to be included in the list.

The **President** invited Dr Ali-Mohammed Noorian (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Mr Tyrone Sutherland (British Caribbean Territories) to serve as tellers.

Journalists were requested to leave the room, since taking photos and making videos during the voting was strictly prohibited.

The delegations of countries with credentials and voting rights were called in alphabetical order to receive electronic voting devices. After instructions were given for using the electronic keypads, the **President** ascertained that all the delegations were ready to proceed with the voting and asked the Secretariat to enter the names of the nominees for the office of Secretary-General into the electronic voting system.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Regulation 136(20) (2011 edition)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Regulations 57-64 (2011 edition)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Regulations 95-109 (2011 edition)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Regulation 199 (2011 edition)

The **President** called for the opening of the first round of voting and asked the Secretariat to activate the electronic system. He instructed the delegates to proceed with the voting by pressing the button for the candidate of their choice. After confirming that all delegations had voted, the **President** declared the first round of voting closed and asked the Secretariat to deactivate the system. The tellers were asked to submit a report on the results of the vote taken by secret ballot.

The President announced the results of the first round as follows:

Maximum number of voters: Number of abstentions:	153 2
Number of votes:	151
Number of blank ballots:	1
Total number of valid votes:	150
Required two thirds majority:	101
Mr Mehmet Çağlar(Turkey)	30
Mr Michel Jarraud (France)	105
Mr Geoffrey Love (Australia)	15

Based on the results of the voting, the **President** declared Mr M. Jarraud appointed Secretary-General for the sixteenth financial period and extended to him the congratulations of the Congress.

The **President** requested the Secretariat to erase from the computer the data on the vote. The tellers observed that the request was carried out.

#### Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization

25 May 2011, ninth plenary meeting, agenda item 12.1 (Cg-XVI/PINK 12.1(1), Cg-XVI/PINK 12.1(2) and Cg-XVI/PINK 12.1(3))

Introducing this agenda item, the **President** cited the relevant Articles of the WMO Convention and WMO General Regulations, which governed the election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization.

The Chairperson of the Nomination Committee presented Document Cg-XVI/PINK 12.1(1), submitting the names of Mr David Grimes (Canada), Dr Ali-Mohammed Noorian (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Mr Tyrone Sutherland (British Caribbean Territories) for the office of President. He reported that all candidates were eligible and willing to be included in the list.

The **President** invited Dr Yap KokSeng (Malaysia) and Prof. Gerhard Adrian (Germany) to serve as tellers.

Journalists were requested to leave the room, since taking photos and making videos during the voting was strictly prohibited.

The delegations of countries with credentials and voting rights were called in alphabetical order to receive electronic voting devices. After reminding the delegations of the procedure for the use of the electronic keypads, the **President** ascertained that all the delegations were ready to proceed with the voting and asked the Secretariat to enter the names of the nominees for the office of President into the electronic system.

The **President** called for the opening of the first round of voting and asked the Secretariat to activate the electronic system. He instructed the delegates to proceed with the voting by pressing the button for the candidate of their choice. After confirming that all delegations had voted,

the **President** declared the first round of voting closed and asked the Secretariat to deactivate the system. The tellers were asked to submit a report on the results of the vote taken by secret ballot.

The President announced the results of the first round as follows:

Maximum number of voters: Number of abstentions: Number of votes:	146 1 145
Number of blank ballots: Total number of valid votes: Required simple majority:	2 143 72
M rDavid Grimes (Canada), RA IV	74
Dr Ali-Mohammed Noorian (Islamic Republic of Iran), RA II	38
Mr Tyrone Sutherland (British Caribbean	
Territories), RA IV	31

Based on the results of the voting, the **President** declared Mr D. Grimes elected President of the Organization for the sixteenth financial period and extended to him the congratulations of the Congress.

The **President** requested the Secretariat to erase from the computer the data on the vote. The tellers observed that the request was carried out.

At the invitation of the President, the **Chairperson of the Nomination Committee** presented Document Cg-XVI/PINK 12.1(2), submitting the following names for the offices of First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents of the Organization: First Vice-President – Dr Antonio Divino Moura (Brazil), RA III; Second Vice-President – Prof. Mieczslaw S. Ostojski (Poland), RA VI; Third Vice-President – Mr Abdalah Mokssit (Morocco), RA I. As there were no other nominations, the **President** declared all three candidates elected to the respective offices and extended to them the congratulations of the Congress. He also thanked Dr A. Noorian and Mr T. Sutherland for their service. The presidents of the regional associations and a number of delegates took the floor to thank the outgoing officers and congratulate the newly elected. They especially acknowledged the outstanding leadership of the current President, Dr A.I. Bedritskiy, and proposed that he be awarded an honorary title.

## **Election of members of the Executive Council**

26 May 2011, tenth plenary meeting, agenda item 12.2 (Cg-XVI/PINK 12.2(1) and Cg-XVI/PINK 12.2(2))

The **President** pointed out that, in accordance with Article 14 of the Convention, the Executive Council was the executive body of the Organization responsible to Congress for the coordination of the programme of the Organization between sessions of Congress. He also explained that the 37 members of the Executive Council served in their personal capacity. They fell into two groups. The first group consisted of the ex-officio members and included the President and three Vice-Presidents of WMO, who should normally belong each to a different Region, and the presidents of the six regional associations. The second group included an additional 27 Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services. Those were elected by the Congress, with the proviso (Article 13(c) of the Convention) that not more than nine and not less than four of the total Executive Council members, including the ex-officio members, all come from any one Region. Once elected, the 27 would be responsible to the entire Organization for their work as members of the Executive Council. They would be elected to serve until the close of Seventeenth Congress.

The **President** pointed out that in accordance with Article 8(j) of the Convention and General Regulation 135(19),<sup>5</sup> Congress should now proceed to elect the members of the Executive Council who were not ex-officio members. The conditions of eligibility were laid down in Articles 6(a) and 13(c) of the Convention and Resolution 37 (Cg-XI) and the election procedures were described in General Regulations 79 to 82<sup>6</sup> and 85 to 89<sup>7</sup>.

He drew the attention of Congress to new Regulation 17, approved by Congress the previous day through Resolution 45, which established the distribution of seats in the Executive Council as follows:

- Region I (Africa): 9
- Region II (Asia): 6
- Region III (South America): 4
- Region IV (North America, Central America and the Caribbean): 5
- Region V (South-West Pacific): 4
- Region VI (Europe): 9

He further explained that Regulation 85(b)<sup>8</sup> would be applied in the new redaction also approved by Congress through Resolution 45. In accordance with the amended Regulation 85<sup>9</sup>, the election would be held in two stages, both with separate voting by Region to fill the required number of places in the Regions concerned.

At the request of the President, the representative of the Secretary-General read out the provisions of the Convention and the General Regulations governing the election of members of the Executive Council and referred participants to Document Cg-XVI/INF. 2.

The **President** pointed out that the same electronic voting system that had been used for elections in previous days would be used for the election of the Executive Council.

The **Chairperson of the Nomination Committee**, introducing document Cg-XVI/PINK 12.2(1), presented the list of candidatures to the Executive Council. He reported that all candidates were eligible and willing to be included in the list.

The **President** asked whether there were any other nominations from the floor. The delegate of Egypt proposed the candidature of Mr Mohamed Mahmoud Eissa.

The president and vice-president of Regional Association I took the floor and explained how the list was agreed by consensus in the Region, thus safeguarding a very delicate balance in the Region. They encouraged Egypt not to insist on the inclusion of their candidate.

The delegations of Niger and Namibia supported the position of the president and vice-president and invited those present to support the proposal of the Region. Mr Uirab, principal delegate of Namibia, mentioned that, as former Executive Council member, he would have liked to be nominated again, but respected the consensus reached by the regional association.

The delegate of Norway expressed his concern that only one woman was nominated as candidate to the Executive Council.

The delegate of Egypt took the floor and insisted on keeping Mr Eissa's candidature as member of the Executive Council and on adding his name to the list.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Regulation 136 (19) (2011 edition)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Regulations 80 to 83 (2011 edition)

<sup>7</sup> Regulations 86-90 (2011 edition)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Regulation 86(b)(2011 edition)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Regulation 86 (2011 edition)

The **President** proceeded with the first stage of the election. He explained that, in accordance with Article 13(c)(ii) of the Convention and General Regulation  $85(a)^{10}$ , it was required that 14 members be elected, in addition to the ten ex-officio members, so that not less than four members of the Executive Council came from each Region. It was therefore necessary to fill the 14 seats as follows:

- Region I 2
- Region II 3
- Region III 2
- Region IV 2
- Region V 3
- Region VI 2

He called upon the presidents of the regional associations or their representatives to nominate candidates for the vacant seats in their respective Regions.

The **president of Regional Association I** nominated Mr Camille Loumouamou (Congo) and Mr Jacob Nkomoki (Zambia).

The **president of Regional Association II** nominated Dr Mitsuhiko Hatori (Japan), Dr Saad Mohamad S. Mohalfi (Saudi Arabia) and Dr Zheng Guoguang (China).

The **president of Regional Association III** nominated Dr Héctor Horacio Ciappesoni (Argentina) and Mr Carlos Naranjo Jacome (Ecuador).

The **president of Regional Association IV** nominated Dr John L. Hayes (United States of America) and Mr Tyrone Sutherland (British Caribbean Territories).

The **president of Regional Association V** nominated Dr Gregory Peter Ayers (Australia), Mr Alipate Waqaicelua (Fiji) and Dr Yap Kok Seng (Malaysia).

The **president of Regional Association VI** nominated Prof. Gerhard Adrian (Germany) and Dr Alexander I. Bedritskiy (Russian Federation).

The President declared those persons elected as members of the Executive Council.

The **President** then proceeded with the second stage of the election to fill the remaining 13 places on the Council, in accordance with the distribution adopted by Congress as per new Regulation 17. The 13 places to be filled were distributed as follows:

- Region I 5
- Region II 2
- Region IV --- 1
- Region VI 5

The **President** invited Dr A.D. Moura (Brazil) and Prof. M. Ostojski (Poland) to serve as tellers.

Journalists were requested to leave the room, since taking photos and making videos during the voting was strictly prohibited.

The delegations of countries with credentials and voting rights were called in alphabetical order to receive the electronic voting units. After the **President** ascertained that all delegations were ready to proceed with the voting, he asked the Secretariat to enter the names of the Executive Council nominees from the regional associations into the electronic system.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Regulation 86(a) (2011 edition)

The **President** called for the opening of the first round of voting for Regional Association I nominees and asked the Secretariat to activate the electronic system. He instructed the delegates to proceed with the voting by pressing the button for the candidate of their choice. After confirming that all delegations had voted, the **President** declared the first round of voting closed and asked the Secretariat to deactivate the system. The tellers were asked to submit a report on the results of the vote taken by secret ballot.

The **President** announced the results of the first round as follows:

Maximum number of voters:	143
Number of abstentions:	0
Number of votes:	143
Number of blank ballots:	2
Total number of valid votes:	141
Required simple majority:	71
Mr M.A. Abdel Gadir (Sudan)	99
Dr Anthony C. Anuforom (Nigeria)	105
Dr Linda Makuleni (Ms) (South Africa)	108
Dr Joseph Romanus Mukabana (Kenya)	112
Mr Mactar Ndiaye (Senegal)	94
Dr Mohamed Mahmoud Eissa (Egypt)	67

Based on the results of the voting, the **President** declared Mr M.A. Abdel Gadir, Dr A.C. Anuforom, Dr L. Makuleni, Dr J.R. Mukabana and Mr M. Ndiaye elected as members of the Executive Council for Region I and extended to them the congratulations of the Congress.

The **President** requested the Secretariat to erase from the computer the data on the vote. The tellers observed that the request was carried out.

The **President** proceeded to the election of Executive Council members from Regional Association II. Following the same electronic voting procedure as for Regional Association I, the results for the Regional Association II were reported as follows:

Maximum number of voters:	143
Number of abstentions:	1
Number of votes:	142
Number of blank ballots:	0
Total number of valid votes:	142
Required simple majority:	72
Mr Seok-Joon Cho (Republic of Korea) Dr Ali Mohammad Noorian (Islamic	104
Republic of Iran)	55
Dr Ajit Tyagi (India)	100

Based on the results of the voting, the **President** declared Mr S.-J. Cho and Dr A. Tyagi elected as members of the Executive Council for Region II and extended to them the congratulations of the Congress.

The **President** requested the Secretariat to erase from the computer the data on the vote. The tellers observed that the request was carried out.

As Mr Juan Carlos Fallas Sojo was the only nominee for Region IV, the **President** declared him elected as member of the Executive Council for that Region.

The **President** then proceeded to the election of Executive Council members from Regional Association VI. Following the same voting procedure as for Regional Association I, the results for the Regional Association VI were reported as follows:

Maximum number of voters: Number of abstentions:	143 0
Number of votes:	143
Number of blank ballots:	3
Total number of valid votes:	140
Required simple majority:	71
Mr Mehmet Çağlar (Turkey)	76
Gen. Costante De Simone (Italy)	93
Prof. Ricardo García Herrera (Spain) Mr John Hirst (United Kingdom of Great	115
Britain and Northern Ireland)	102
Mr Francois Jacq (France)	99
Prof. Petteri Taalas (Finland)	106

Based on the results of the voting, the **President** noted that, in accordance with General Regulations 87(a)<sup>11</sup>, if the number of candidates securing a simple majority exceeded the number of places to be filled, those of such candidates who had obtained the highest number of votes would be declared elected. Hence, he declared Gen. C. De Simone, Mr R. García Herrera, Mr J. Hirst, Mr F. Jacq and Mr P. Taalas elected as members of the Executive Council for Region VI and extended to them the congratulations of the Congress.

The **President** requested the Secretariat to erase from the computer the data on the vote. The tellers observed that the request was carried out.

On behalf of both himself and the staff of the Executive Council, the **Secretary-General** expressed warm congratulations to the newly elected members of the Executive Council and thanked all those who had offered their services to the Organization. Together with the newly appointed Secretary-General and the newly elected President and three Vice-Presidents, the members of the Executive Council would form a new executive team, which would direct and implement the decisions of Sixteenth Congress for the next four years. The President wished them success and hoped that the new Executive Council members would support and cooperate with the new Secretary-General.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Regulation 88(a) (2011 edition)