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Annex: 1

Subject: Report of the seventy-ninth session of the WMO Bureau (BUR-79)

Action required: For information

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the seventy-ninth session of the WMO Bureau (BUR-79) was held at the WMO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on 6 February 2018.

The major outcome of the session, which focused on organizational matters for the seventieth session of the WMO Executive Council (EC-70), are summarized in the attached Summary of Outcomes. I hope 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



WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

WMO BUREAU SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION (first meeting of 2018)

6 February 2018, WMO Headquarters

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

OPENING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr David Grimes, President of WMO, opened the 79th session of the Bureau on 6 February 2018 at 11 a.m. on WMO premises in Geneva. He welcomed participants and noted that the topic for discussion on the agenda would be the organizational matters and the review of the main issues in the agenda of EC-70.

All participants joined the President in congratulating Dr Rob Varley for his election as First Vice-President, 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 agenda was adopted as given in [Annex I](#).

The list of participants to the meeting is given in [Annex II](#).

1. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS FOR EC-70

The Bureau considered the status of organizational arrangements for EC-70.

Establishment of working committees

The Bureau agreed that the following in-session committees could be recommended to EC:

- Committee on strategic and operational planning and budget 2020-2023 (open ended),
- Committee on constituent body reform (open ended).

The Bureau recalled that the theme of World Meteorological Day 2020 would be selected by President as per Decision 63 (EC-69).

Conduct of session and chairmanships

The Bureau agreed on the conduct of sessions and responsibilities for chairmanship among President, First Vice-President and Second Vice-President (if elected), noting the possibility to involve the president of a regional association for this task, as needed.

Side meetings

The Bureau agreed that:

- Meeting of presidents of regional associations and technical commissions on GFCS will be held in the afternoon of 19 June.
- The Consultative Meeting on High-Level Policy on Satellite Matters would be held Saturday 23 June all day, also with a view to consider the establishment of a high-level mechanism for coordination of satellite matters of WMO interest.

2. REVIEW OF MAIN ISSUES IN THE AGENDA OF EC-70

The Bureau reviewed the proposed tentative annotated agenda of EC-70 introduced by DSG and agreed on a provisional annotated agenda that will be finalised by the Secretariat.

Among the main issues in the agenda of EC-70, the Bureau noted the importance of the following:

- Constituent body reform, with a package of proposals addressing Officers and the Bureau, EC structures, regional associations, technical commissions, special (non-constituent) bodies, transition plan, governance of jointly sponsored programmes and, for information, structure of the Secretariat;
- Draft Strategic Plan and Operating Plan 2020-2023, with related budget proposal and sufficient granularity for EC members to appreciate the proposed priorities;
- Recommendations from sessions of constituent bodies (CAS-17, JCOMM-5, CCI-17, CAgM-17, RA VI-17);
- Outcomes of the global conference Prosperity Through Hydrological Services (7-9 May 2018) and one-day water dialogue in session (Monday, 25 June 2018);
- Public-private engagement and the related WMO guiding policy;
- Emerging areas such as high-impact weather services, polar activities, support to the humanitarian activities of the UN system, and partnerships.

3. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters to discuss.

4. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

The Bureau decided that the next meeting would be held in conjunction with EC-70.

CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

The President closed the meeting at 5.30 p.m. on 6 February 2018.

ANNEX I

AGENDA

1. **ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS FOR EC-70**
2. **REVIEW OF MAIN ISSUES IN THE AGENDA OF EC-70**
3. **ANY OTHER MATTERS**
4. **DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION**

ANNEX II

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU

David Grimes	President
Rob Varley	First Vice-President
Petteri Taalas	Secretary-General

WMO SECRETARIAT

Elena Manaenkova	Deputy Secretary-General
Wenjian Zhang	Assistant Secretary-General
Rob Masters	Director, Cabinet and External Relations Officer
Stefano Belfiore	Executive Assistant to Secretary-General

ATTENDED ALSO BY

Heather Aucoin	Advisor to President
Jane Wardle	Advisor to First Vice-President
