AGENDA ITEM 16: GOVERNANCE

AGENDA ITEM 16.3: GOVERNANCE REVIEW

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Draft Resolution 16.3(2)/1 (EC-70)

WMO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND ITS STRUCTURES

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Recalling Decision 84 (EC-68) – Governance Review and Decision 16.3/1 (EC-69) – WMO Constituent Body Reform,

Having considered the recommendations of the Working Group on Strategic and Operational Planning concerning the WMO constituent body reform,

Emphasizing the essential role of the Executive Council as the executive body of the Organization, responsible for the coordination of programmes of the Organization and for the utilization of its budgetary resources in accordance with the decisions of Congress,

Recalling the primary functions of the Executive Council set out in Article 14 of the Convention,

Considering that the discharge of such primary functions requires the Executive Council, inter alia, to:

(1) Lead the development of the WMO Strategic Plan and provide recommendations to Congress on overall policy aspects, including the establishment of partnerships,

(2) Support and supervise regional associations and technical commissions in the implementation of their decisions and resolutions and in the preparation of their operating plans,

(3) Provide advice to Congress on scientific and technical matters and emerging issues, including those that entail the engagement of expert communities beyond the WMO mandate,

(4) Provide recommendations to Congress concerning programme and budget estimates, financial matters and compliance with the legal framework of the Organization,
Decides:

(1) To establish the following standing bodies reporting to the Executive Council, with the terms of reference as given in the Annex:
   (a) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)
   (b) Technical Coordination Committee (TCC);

(2) To confirm the following bodies reporting to the Executive Council:
   (a) WMO Staff Pension Committee, established by Resolution 30 (EC-21), as amended by Resolution 21 (35)
   (b) WMO Audit Committee, with the terms of reference provided by Resolution 8 (EC-63)
   (c) Financial Advisory Committee, with the terms of reference provided by Resolution 39 (Cg-XV), reporting to Congress and Executive Council;

(3) To recommend Congress establishment of the Science Advisory Panel reporting to Congress and Executive Council with the terms of reference as formulated in draft Recommendation xx (EC-70);

(4) That the need for, and the functions of, other bodies reporting to the Executive Council shall be reconsidered in light of the establishment of PAC and TCC;

(5) To continue consideration of the matter of number and the distribution of seats of the Executive Council, referred to the Council by the Congress, in the next financial period 2020-2023; [Wong formulated by Secretariat as per Cg-17 request 13.1.5]

(6) To defer the implementation of this decision as for the PAC and the TCC to the seventy-first session of the Council.

Annex: 1

[Barrell]
Annex to draft Resolution 16.3(2)/1 (EC-70)

POLICY, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY BODIES REPORTING TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

A. Policy Advisory Committee

Mandate

The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) shall advise the Executive Council on any matters concerning the strategy and policy of the Organization submitted to it by the Executive Council, with a particular focus on:

1. Maintaining awareness of global trends and external drivers that affect Members and the long-term vision-setting of the Organization,
2. Improving and aligning the Organization-wide strategic, operational and budget planning process, including monitoring of implementation of the Strategic Plan,
3. Keeping under review WMO policies and practices for the exchange of meteorological, hydrological and climatological and related data and products,
4. Optimizing WMO governance and programme structures, processes and practices to ensure the effective and efficient use of resources through a more strategic focus and within a quality management framework,
5. Addressing and keeping under review the evolution of the role and operation of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services,
6. Streamlining WMO scientific and technical programmes to ensure their relevance to the Strategic and Operating Plans and effectiveness,
7. Guiding the engagement of the Organization in partnerships with other UN and international organizations, the academia and the private sector,
8. Mainstreaming and advancing gender equality across the Organization, especially in governance and decision-making.

Membership

The Committee shall be composed of:

(a) The presidents of the regional associations,
(b) Eight Members of the Executive Council appointed by the Council upon proposal by the President noting the need for the expertise in the focus areas of the mandate of the Committee and taking into consideration regional representation and gender equality factors,
(c) The chairs of the Scientific Advisory Panel and the Technical Coordination Committee as ex officio members.

(Secretariat proposes to delete term of membership: (a) and (c) elected though separate processes; (b) will normally serve until next Congress and can be replaced by EC by acting members as needed).
Working procedures

The Committee shall be chaired by the WMO President or one of the Vice-Presidents.

The Committee shall normally meet once per year prior to a session of Executive Council.

The chair of the Committee may invite experts and/or representatives from partner organizations to attend meetings of the Committee as observers.

At meetings of the Committee, the members may be assisted by advisors.

The Committee may establish time-bound substructures as needed for the discharge of specific tasks during an intersessional period.

B. Scientific Advisory Panel

[to be established by Congress according to Article 8(h) of Convention and moved to Recommendation 16.3(4) [P CAS]]

Mandate

The Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) shall be the primary scientific advisory body of the Organization, drawing up opinions and recommendations to Congress and to [P CAS] the Executive Council on matters submitted to it by the Council [Lacave; Advisor to Liu] concerning WMO research strategies and the optimal scientific directions to support the evolution of its mandate in weather, climate, water and related environmental and social [Lacave] sciences. The Panel shall provide forward-looking strategic advice on emerging challenges and opportunities, and in particular:

1. Advise on the efforts required to enhance weather, climate, water, ocean and related environmental research for improving services, in the context of Earth system prediction,
2. Advise on [P CAS] the scientific development of seamless systems across time and spatial scales, disciplines and the Programmes and activities of WMO
3. Advise on research where WMO is well-positioned to lead, and on how Members will gain from investing in research,
4. Promote the global standing and visibility of WMO as a leading scientific organization in the fields of weather, climate, water and related environmental sciences within the UN and otherwise, and enhance the WMO role as facilitator of international cooperation in weather, climate, water, ocean and environmental sciences among all role players,
5. Promote science vision, and its downstream trends, with WMO and among its Members as the primary driver for innovation, understanding and the development of new and improved weather, climate, water and related environmental services and know-how,
6. Advise on the actions required for involvement of early career scientists of all genders in the work of WMO,
7. Promote establishment of beneficial scientific partnerships at global, regional and national levels,
8. Advise on other issues that might be referred to by the Congress, Executive Council or other constituent bodies of the Organization [Lacave].
Membership

The Panel shall be composed of maximum fifteen independent leading internationally recognized experts in the fields of weather, climate, water, ocean and related environmental and social sciences.

The opportunity to become a member of the Panel shall be announced publicly for individuals to put their name forward. The members of the Panel shall be appointed by the Executive Council, taking into account regional and gender balance and representation of academia, research bodies, the private sector and user communities reflecting the breadth of engagement in WMO Research Programmes. The selection of the names to be proposed to the Executive Council to be appointed as Panel members shall be done by the Secretariat in consultation with the chair of the Research Board. The term of engagement for members shall be for four years with a possibility to be renewed for a second term.

A WMO Vice-President shall act as an Executive Council focal point for the Panel to ensure cross-communication.

The chair of the Research Board, as ex officio member and a representative of the Secretariat shall take part in the meetings of the Panel. The EC and Congress can ask the SAP for advice on specific issues.

Working Procedures

The Panel shall select a chair and a co-chair. The Panel shall meet in principle once per year prior to a session of Executive Council.

The chair of the Research Board together with the Secretariat shall support the chair of the Panel in setting up and executing the meetings. The co-chairs of the Panel may invite experts and/or representatives from partner organizations to attend meetings of the Panel as observers.

**CB. Technical Coordination Committee**

**Mandate**

The Technical Coordination Committee (TCC) shall coordinate between the technical commissions and other technical bodies, and the regional associations and Members, to ensure their alignment with relevant WMO policies and strategies. The Committee shall advise the Executive Council on the development of technical regulatory frameworks; setting up, operating and performance monitoring of national, regional and global systems covering all service areas; and related capacity development needs. It shall coordinate and monitor technical programmes and work plans between the technical commissions and other technical bodies, and the regional associations and Members, to ensure their alignment and integration across the service and application areas and technical commissions with relevant WMO policies and strategies. The committee shall report to the Executive Council on the following tasks:

1. Maintain and develop further the WMO technical regulatory framework as a means for global harmonization and interoperability; ensure high quality, consistency and fitness for purpose of WMO standards; in systematic fashion monitor compliance with standards of the WMO Members States, and advise on barrier to compliance and ways to address them.
(2) Conduct impact and risk assessment and provide advice to Executive Council on the implications of new standards and technology on the systems operated by Members, including financial and human resources impact; [Advisor to Hashida: suggested deleting this bullet]

(3) Monitor current and evolving user needs for information and services through the technical bodies, and ensure the evolution of the service delivery in the most efficient and effective way; [Advisor to Hashida: suggested deleting this bullet]

(4) Identify and study technical gaps and deficiencies affecting performance of WMO systems and develop proposals for their resolution; [Advisor Hashida: suggested deleting this bullet]

(5) Facilitate close collaboration and coordination between regional associations including ensuring regional priorities and requirements are considered into the technical commission planning in order to ensure effective implementation of the Strategic and Operating Plans; [Draggon]

(6) Ensure integration between the technical commissions, and the collaboration with the Research Board [Jones] and the research community, in order to ensure effective implementation of the Strategic and Operating Plans, at global, regional and national levels, as well as streamline the transition to operation of science outcomes [Barrell, and Adviser Adrian/Jones]; facilitate the exchange of information and experience on best coordination practices between regional associations and technical commissions,

(7) Address issues of common concerns of regional association and technical commissions and the Research Board in the implementation of the Strategic and Operating Plans, especially in priority areas (e.g. disaster risk reduction, climate change adaptation, capacity development, education and training, WIGOS, socioeconomic benefits) and provide advice to the Executive Council and other constituent bodies of the Organization as appropriate,

(8) Perform any other functions that might be referred to by the Executive Council and other constituent bodies of the Organization.

(Secretariat proposal for simplified version) The Technical Coordination Committee (TCC) shall act as a two-way interface between the Executive Council and the technical bodies of the Organizations: technical commissions, the Research Board, and other relevant bodies. It shall ensure the coordination between these bodies and shall provide the necessary analytical information to inform EC decisions on technical matters. The TCC shall oversee the level of coordination between the technical bodies and the regional associations to ensure that the technical work of the Organization is properly guided by the needs and priorities identified by Members.

The committee shall report to the Executive Council on the following issues:

(91) Progress in developing further the WMO technical regulatory framework in a consistent manner by all technical bodies involved;

(102) Status of compliance with technical regulations of the WMO Members, including advice on identified barriers to compliance and ways to address them to resolve deficiencies;

(113) Impact and risk assessment of new standards and technology on the systems operated by Members, including financial and human resources impact;

(124) Evolving user needs for information and services and alignment of the plans of the WMO technical bodies to meet those needs;
Status of collaboration and coordination between the technical bodies and regional associations and measures to ensure that regional priorities and requirements are considered into the technical bodies’ planning;

Collaboration between the technical commissions, Research Board and any other bodies established by Congress or Executive Council required to facilitate the transition of research to operations through co-design, operational testing and feedback from the operational community;

Issues of common concerns of regional associations, technical commissions, Research Board and any other bodies established by Congress or Executive Council affecting the progress of implementation of the Strategic and Operating Plans;

Coordination with other bodies, such as SAP and PAC and any other issues that might be referred to by the Executive Council.

Membership

The Committee shall be composed of:

(a) The presidents and vice-presidents of the technical commissions,
(b) The presidents of regional associations, [Advisor to Lopez]
(c) The chair and vice-chair of the Research Board,
(d) The co-chairs of any other bodies established by Congress or Executive Council, the Joint WMO-IOC Committee for Oceanography and Meteorology, [Draggon]
(e) The chairs of other WMO sponsored and co-sponsored technical bodies identified by the President.

Working procedures

The Committee shall be chaired by a WMO Vice-President.

The Committee shall meet in principle once per year prior to a session of Executive Council.

The chair of the Committee may invite experts and/or representatives from other partner organizations to attend meetings of the Committee as observers.

At meetings of the Committee, the members may be assisted by advisors.

The Committee may establish time-bound substructures for the discharge of specific tasks during an intersessional period. Such temporary substructures shall be discontinued at the end of every intersessional period.
THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Having adopted Resolution 16.3(2)/1 — WMO Executive Council and its structures,

Recommends to Congress draft Resolution XX/1 (Cg-18) — WMO Executive Council annexed to the present recommendation.

Annex: 1
Annex to draft Recommendation 16.3(2)/1 (EC-70)

Draft Resolution XX/1 (Cg-18)

WMO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

THE CONGRESS,

Recalling:

(1) That the Seventeenth Congress requested the Executive Council to provide recommendations to the Eighteenth Congress on constituent body constructs,

(2) Decision 84 (EC-68) – Governance review and Decision 68 (EC-69) – WMO constituent body reform,

Expressing appreciation for the work carried out by the Executive Council concerning the construct of governance review of the Organization,

Having examined Recommendation 16.3(2)/1 (EC-70) — WMO Executive Council and its structures,

Reaffirms the fundamental role of the Executive Council as established by the Convention and in particular its primary functions as defined by Article 14;

Endorses Resolution 16.3(2)/1 (EC-70) — WMO Executive Council and its structures, by which the Executive Council has resolved to streamline the bodies reporting to it around two core bodies as well as the Science Advisory Panel addressing respectively policy, strategic, technical and scientific aspects in addition to the Audit Committee, Financial Advisory Committee and the Staff Pension Committee.

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