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**AGENDA ITEM 5: GOVERNANCE REFORM EVALUATION AND CONSTITUENT BODY STRUCTURES [*Secretariat*]**

# ACTIONS EManating FROM THE EVALUATION OF THE WMO GOVERNANCE REFORM



# GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. EC-73 requested an independent and external evaluation of the constituent body reform ([Decision 4 (EC-73)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11008#page=519) - Evaluation of the constituent body reform) in line with its Evaluation Plan ([Annex to Decision 4 (EC-73)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11008#page=520)). As a follow-up, the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) endorsed terms of reference which defined the objectives, scope, criteria and proposed methodology for the evaluation.

2. EC-74 then established the Task Force on Reform Evaluation (TF-RE) ([Decision 5 (EC‑74](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11139#page=29)) - Review of the membership of the bodies established by the World Meteorological Congress and the Executive Council) which was tasked with overseeing the evaluation process, reviewing the methodology, and providing overall guidance to Ernst & Young (EY), the company hired to conduct the external evaluation following a competitive bidding process managed by the Secretariat.

3. TF-RE was pleased with the quality of the Final Evaluation Report presented in   
Cg-19/INF. 5(1a) and was in overall agreement with its findings. It found the recommendations to be useful in terms of initial ideas on ways to address the issues at stake, but felt the need to modify some of the prescribed actions and adjust their focus to make them more applicable and in line with the Organization’s regulations, rules of procedure and working methods. This modified set of recommendations was presented to the PAC which provided additional insights. The consolidated analysis was taken to EC-76 and is presented in Cg-19/INF. 5(1b).

4. With Decision 6(1)/1), EC-76 took action on the recommendations within its purview. It further adopted [Recommendation 6(1)/1 (EC-76)](https://meetings.wmo.int/EC-76/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/EC-76/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/EC-76-d06(1)-ACTIONS-EVALUATION-WMO-GOVERNANCE-REFORM-approved_en.docx&action=default) which advises Congress to adopt the actions emanating from the Evaluation of the WMO Governance Reform as presented in the consolidated analysis (Cg-19/INF. 5(1b)).

5. Based on the above, Congress may wish to adopt draft Resolution 5(1) (Cg-19).

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## DRAFT RESOLUTION

## Draft Resolution 5(1)/1 (Cg-19)

## Actions emanating from the evaluation of the WMO Governance Reform

THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS,

**Recalling** [Resolution 11 (Cg-18)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=9827#page=63) – WMO Reform – Next Phase,

**Recalling further** [Decision 4 (EC-73)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11008#page=519) – Evaluation of the constituent body reform,

**Recalling further** its decisions to undertake an unprecedented reform of the Organization’s structures, processes and working practices in applying the Earth system approach and aiming to create an agile, effective and synergistic WMO, capable of responding effectively to societal needs, using resources in a most optimal manner, and better engaging with Members, experts and partners,

**Noting** the consolidated analysis of evaluation recommendations prepared by the Executive Council (Cg-19/INF. 5(1b)),

**Noting further** the comprehensive evaluation of the governance reform, conducted by a team of external evaluators under the oversight of the Executive Council and its Task Force on Reform Evaluation (Cg-19/INF. 5(1a) – Final Report of the External Evaluation of the WMO Governance Reform),

**Acknowledging** the challenging times in which the reform has been implemented in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic,

**Noting with satisfaction** the positive results achieved in the implementation of the historic reform of the WMO governance, as documented and presented in the Report of the External Evaluation of the WMO Governance Reform,

**Further noting with satisfaction** the extensive implementation of the reform objectives, particularly in having successfully (a) addressed the major causes of historical inefficiencies in the conduct of WMO business, (b) enhanced the Organization’s capability to respond to the needs of the external environment through the holistic Earth System approach, (c) aligned the Strategic Plan, Operating Plan and financial framework; (d) optimized the governance structure in coherence with the Strategic and Operating Plans, and (e) strengthened the Organization’s regional presence, among others,

**Recognizing** the significant contribution of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM), the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM) and the Research Board (RB) in achieving the reform objectives of streamlining and harmonization,

**Applauding** in this respect the leadership of the new governance bodies in successfully setting up their subsidiary structures, equipping them with the required expertise, and ensuring their smooth functioning and effective work programme implementation,

**Commending** the Secretariat’s performance in supporting the reform process and the establishment and operationalization of the new bodies,

**Observing** that challenges remain, particularly in terms of engaging more Members and partners, achieving regional and gender balance, strengthening communication to Members, enhancing coordination, and creating greater synergies with the regional associations,

**Having examined** **and agreed** with [Recommendation 6(1)/1 (EC-76)](https://meetings.wmo.int/EC-76/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/EC-76/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/EC-76-d06(1)-ACTIONS-EVALUATION-WMO-GOVERNANCE-REFORM-approved_en.docx&action=default) and [Recommendation 3.3(3)/1 (EC-76)](https://meetings.wmo.int/EC-76/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/EC-76/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/EC-76-d03-3(3)-REVISED-TOR-OF-RESEARCH-BOARD-approved_en.docx&action=default),

**Having acted on** revised terms of reference for RB, as presented in draft Resolution 4.3(3) (Cg-19),

**Requests**:

(1) The Scientific Advisory Panel to review its terms of reference and recommend amendments as needed to the Executive Council;

(2) The Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board to undertake a self-assessment, in line with [Resolution 9 (Cg-18)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=9827/#page=58) - Joint World Meteorological Organization-Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Collaborative Board, review its terms of reference and recommend amendments as needed to the Executive Council;

(3) The Executive Council to oversee this process and adopt any amendments to the terms of reference of the Scientific Advisory Panel and the Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board;

**Invites** the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to consider any amendments to the terms of reference of the Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board;

**Appreciating** that all recommendations emanating from the External Evaluation of the WMO Governance Reform have been thoroughly considered by the Executive Council and appropriate actions have been formulated,

**Requests** the Executive Council:

(1) To continue overseeing the implementation of the full scope of recommended actions;

(2) To commission an external evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of WMO bodies and structures to inform the decisions of the twentieth session of the World Meteorological Congress;

(3) To review and make any recommendations on further improvements to methods of work and procedural processes needed to support the work of the constituent bodies; [*USA*]

**Invites** the technical commissions, RB and regional associations to consider the recommendations of the Executive Council and seek further improvements to their rules of procedure, coordination mechanisms and working practices;

**Requests** the Secretary-General to continue monitoring and reporting on indicators related to the effective and efficient functioning of the WMO governance.

See Cg-19/INF. 5(1a) – Final Report of the External Evaluation of WMO Governance Reform and Cg-19/INF. 5(1b) – Consolidated analysis of evaluation recommendations.

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Note: This resolution replaces [Resolution 11 (Cg-18)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=9827#page=63) – WMO Reform – Next Phase, which is no longer in force.