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**AGENDA ITEM 6: GENERAL, LEGAL, POLICY, REGULATORY, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**AGENDA ITEM 6.1: Amendments to the General, Financial and Staff Regulations**

## Amendments to the General and technical Regulations



# DRAFT RESOLUTION

**Draft Resolution 6.1(1)/1 (Cg-19)**

## Amendments to the General and Technical Regulations

THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS,

**Recalling** [Resolution 75 (Cg-18)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=9827#page=246) – Amendments to the General Regulations of the World Meteorological Organization, which updated and streamlined the General Regulations to serve their purpose as high level rules for the Members, the officers of the Organization, constituent bodies and other bodies of the Organization and the Secretariat for a consistent, efficient and effective conduct of the Organization’s convening and other activities,

**Having considered** the recommendations by the Executive Council:

1. To grant technical commissions the authority to approve non-regulatory publications (Guides and other guidance materials), and to introduce required amendments to the General Regulations and Technical Regulations,
2. To reduce the timelines required for the submission of ballots in votes by correspondence, based on the current practice of voting by electronic means, and to adjust the timeline for the availability of documents before the sessions of the Executive Council consistent with the timeline specified for Congress,

**Adopts** the amendments to the General Regulations and Technical Regulations, as provided in the [annex](#Annex_to_Resolution) to this resolution;

**Requests** the Secretary-General to publish the 2023 edition of the [*Basic Documents No. 1*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=14206) (WMO-No. 15) and of the [*Technical Regulations, Volume I*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=14073) (WMO-No. 49) containing the approved amendments as well as make editorial changes in the [*Technical Regulations*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=14073)to update the names of technical commissions responsible for maintaining regulatory framework and to inform all concerned of this decision;

**Requests** the Executive Council to review the respective rules of procedure and to adjust them as needed, in line with the amended Regulations.

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## Annex to draft Resolution 6.1(1)/1 (Cg-19)

**Amendments to the General and Technical Regulations**

The General Regulations ([*Basic Documents No. 1*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=14206#.YKUkSbUzaUk)(WMO-No. 15) 2021 edition) are amended as follows:

REGULATION 54

A vote, in any vote by correspondence, including an election, shall be valid only if the voting slip or electronic vote:

1. Is received by the Secretary-General not more than ~~60~~ 30 days after the date of dispatch of the request to vote;

REGULATION 55

(a) Except in commissions, the quorum for voting by correspondence within a constituent body shall equal the quorum required for a meeting of that body;

(b) The quorum for voting by correspondence within commissions shall be a majority of the number of Members represented on that commission;

1. If the number of replies received by the Secretary-General during the ~~60~~ 30-day period for all other matters, referred to in Regulation 54 does not reach the quorum required for voting by correspondence, the motion shall be considered as lost.

REGULATION 122

(a) For all ordinary sessions of the Executive Council, the notification shall be accompanied by the provisional agenda and its explanatory memorandum;

(b) The provisional agenda of a session and its explanatory memorandum shall also be made available with the same advance notice as provided for in Regulation 121 to the presidents of commissions and to those international organizations with which the Organization has concluded arrangements or agreements providing for representation at sessions of the Executive Council. The documents shall be distributed as soon as possible, and preferably not later than ~~45~~ 30 days before the opening of the session.

**ANNEX III**

**TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS**

**General terms of reference**

Within its terms of responsibility as defined hereunder and within the provisions of these Regulations, each technical commission shall:

1. Study and review advances in science and technology, keep Members informed and advise Congress, the Executive Council and other constituent bodies on these advances and their implications;

2. Develop, for consideration by the Executive Council and Congress, proposed international standards for methods, procedures, techniques and practices in meteorology, climatology, ~~and~~ operational hydrology and other related environmental disciplines including, in particular, the relevant parts of the Technical Regulations~~, Guides~~ and Manuals. Develop, approve and update, as necessary, appropriate Guides and other guidance materials that correspond to the regulatory framework;

The [*Technical Regulations*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=14073) (WMO-No. 49) General Provisions are amended as follows:

**WMO Guides**

18. In addition to the *Technical Regulations*, appropriate Guides are published by the Organization. They describe practices, procedures and specifications which Members are invited to follow or implement in establishing and conducting their arrangements for compliance with the Technical Regulations, and in otherwise developing meteorological and hydrological services in their respective countries. The Guides are updated, as necessary, in light of scientific and technological developments in hydrometeorology, climatology and their applications. The technical commissions are responsible for the selection of material to be included in the Guides. These Guides and their subsequent amendments, as well as other guidance materials that correspond to the regulatory framework, shall be normally approved by the technical commissions ~~considered by the Executive Council~~.”

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