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

**AGENDA ITEM 6.5: OVERSIGHT**

# CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS OF OVERSIGHT BODIES



# DRAFT RESOLUTION

## Draft Resolution 6.5/1 (Cg-19)

# CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF the external auditor [EDITORIAL CHANGE]

THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS,

**Having considered** the reports of the External Auditor, [USA]

**Having noted** with appreciation the work done by the External Auditor, [USA]including:

(1) The report and the recommendations of the External Auditor submitted in accordance with [Financial Regulation 15.10](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11187#page=140) (*Basic documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), which included an unqualified audit opinion on the Financial Statements of WMO ([Cg-19/INF. 6.5(1a)](https://meetings.wmo.int/Cg-19/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7bD8B0672A-9E6D-490B-923F-DAF71A0F247B%7d&file=Cg-19-INF06-5(1a)-REPORT-EXTERNAL-AUDITOR_en.docx&action=default)),

(2) The Status and Management Action Plan of recommendations issued by the external auditors ([Cg-19/INF. 6.5(1b)](https://meetings.wmo.int/Cg-19/InformationDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx)),

(3) [USA]

**Requests** the Secretary-General to continue providing support to the External Auditor and implement the recommendations of the External Auditor [USA] in a timely manner, while taking into account the relevant conclusions of the forty-third session of the FINAC. [Russian Federation]

## Draft Resolution 6.5/2 (Cg-19)

**CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
[EDITORIAL CHANGE]**

THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS,

**Having considered** the report of the Chair of the WMO Audit and Oversight Committee,

**Having noted** with appreciation the work done by the WMO Audit and Oversight Committee, including, the report and recommendations of the WMO Audit and Oversight Committee (AOC) ([Cg‑19/INF. 6.5(2)](https://meetings.wmo.int/Cg-19/InformationDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx)),

**Requests** the Secretary-General to continue providing support to the WMO Audit and Oversight Committee and to implement the recommendations of the Audit and Oversight Committee in a timely manner,

**Requests** the Audit and Oversight committee to undertake an independent performance evaluation every three years, in addition to regular self-assessments, and report on such evaluations to WMO’s Members, in line with Recommendation 6 of JIU/REP/2019/6 Audit and Oversight Committees. [USA, Namibia and AOC Chair]

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## Draft Resolution 6.5/3 (Cg-19)

# CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE INTERNAL OVERSIGHT OFFICE [EDITORIAL CHANGE] [usa]

THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS,

**Having considered** the report of the Internal Oversight Office,

**Having noted** with appreciation the work done by the Internal Oversight Office (IOO), including, the annual accountability report of the Internal Oversight Office in accordance with Financial Regulation 13.10 ([Cg-19/INF. 6.5(3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/Cg-19/InformationDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx)),

**Noting further** that:

1. The Audit and Oversight Committee recommends that the IOO be adequately resourced in light of the increased demand for assurance due to new initiatives, Enterprise Resource Planning implementation, and evaluation work,
2. The IOO audit engagement on Procurement received a rating of “Major Improvement Needed”,

**Requests** the Secretary-General:

1. To continue to ensure that the IOO is adequately resourced and staffed to fulfil its mandate; and
2. To timely address all recommendations resulting from that engagement intended to address deficiencies in compliance with WMO’s procurement processes, as well as give due attention to addressing all outstanding high and medium priority IOO recommendations.

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## Draft Resolution 6.5/4 (Cg-19)

# CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE JOINT INSPECTION UNIT [EDITORIAL CHANGE] [usa]

THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS,

**Having considered** the reports of the Joint Inspection Unit,

**Having noted** with appreciation the work done by the Joint Inspection Unit,

**Recalling** the WMO procedures on follow-up on the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) reports, approved by the Executive Council ([Annex XI](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=5865#page=126) to paragraph 15.1.2 of the EC-LIV General Summary),

**Noting further:**

(1)With appreciation the work done by the JIU on strengthening good governance in the United Nations system,

(2) That the JIU in its 2021 report on a Review of Management and Administration in WMO (JIU/REP/2021/1) recommended that the Legal Office should be decoupled from the Governance Services Department to avoid any conflict of interest and that the Audit and Oversight Committee in its annual report for 2022 (Cg 19/INF. 6.5(2)) has also requested that WMO reconsider its decision not to do so, [USA]

**Having considered** the recommendations addressed to legislative bodies issued by the JIU since the eighteenth session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-18) and management response to them which are included in [Cg-19/INF. 6.5(4)](https://meetings.wmo.int/Cg-19/InformationDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx),

**Having been informed** that all the recommendations issued by the JIU were submitted to the Audit and Oversight Committee along with the proposed management action for guidance, and subsequently to the Executive Council,

**Decides** to note [USA] the responses to the JIU recommendations contained in [Cg‑19/INF. 6.5(4)](https://meetings.wmo.int/Cg-19/InformationDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx);

**Requests** the Secretary-General:

1. To amend the role and responsibilities of the Legal function accordingly; [USA]
2. To continue providing support to the work of the JIU and provide consideration to the recommendations of the Unit in accordance with the established procedures.

Note: This resolution replaces [Resolution 83 (Cg-18)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=9827" \l "page=281) - Joint Inspection Unit Recommendations, which is no longer in force. [EDITORIAL CHANGE]

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## Draft Resolution 6.5/5 (Cg-19)

# CONSIDERATION OF the REPORT OF OVERSIGHT BODIES

THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS,

**Having considered** the reports of the External Auditor, the Chair of the WMO Audit and Oversight Committee, the Internal Oversight Office, and the Joint Inspection Unit [EDITORIAL CHANGE],

**Noting** that the current practice of requiring Members to consider each WMO oversight entity report under a single decision document can limit the opportunity for Members to provide adequate guidance to the Secretariat and the relevant entities on each report,

**Requests** that the Executive Council and Congress receive WMO’s oversight entity reports in the form of decision documents, instead of INF documents, with accompanying draft resolution texts, as appropriate, to facilitate clear and comprehensive guidance from WMO’s Members, beginning at the next possible opportunity.[USA, Namibia]

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