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**AGENDA ITEM 6: TECHNICAL REGULATIONS AND OTHER TECHNICAL DECISIONS**

**AGENDA ITEM 6.8: Recommendations from other bodies**

# Update of the Mechanism for Recognition of Long-Term Observing Stations

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| **Summary** |
| **Document presented by:** the president of INFCOM following consultation with the SERCOM president, and consideration of draft [Recommendation 5.5(6)/1(SERCOM-2)](https://meetings.wmo.int/SERCOM-2/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/SERCOM-2/English/1.%20DRAFTS%20FOR%20DISCUSSION/SERCOM-2-d05-5(6)-LONG-TERM-OBSERVING-STATIONS-draft1_en.docx&action=default) on the update of the mechanism for recognition of long-term observing stations.  **Strategic objective 2020–2023:** 2.1  **Financial and administrative implications:** It is within the parameters of the Strategic and Operational Plans 2020–2023, and will be reflected in the Strategic and Operational Plans 2024–2027.  **Key implementers:** INFCOM in consultation with SERCOM.  **Time frame:** 2023  **Action expected:** Review and adopt the proposed draft decision. |

# DRAFT DECISION

## Draft Decision 6.8(3)/1 (INFCOM-2)

### Update of the mechanism for recognition of long-term observing stations

**The Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems decides:**

(1) To concur with SERCOM [Recommendation 5.5(6)/1 (SERCOM-2)](https://meetings.wmo.int/SERCOM-2/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/SERCOM-2/English/1.%20DRAFTS%20FOR%20DISCUSSION/SERCOM-2-d05-5(6)-LONG-TERM-OBSERVING-STATIONS-draft1_en.docx&action=default) on the update of the mechanism for recognition of long-term observing stations;

(2) Should Congress adopt [Recommendation 5.5(6)/1 (SERCOM-2)](https://meetings.wmo.int/SERCOM-2/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/SERCOM-2/English/1.%20DRAFTS%20FOR%20DISCUSSION/SERCOM-2-d05-5(6)-LONG-TERM-OBSERVING-STATIONS-draft1_en.docx&action=default), to request SC-MINT to lead the over-all coordination of the recognition mechanism for long-term observing stations.

See [SERCOM-2/Doc 5.5(6](https://meetings.wmo.int/SERCOM-2/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/SERCOM-2/English/1.%20DRAFTS%20FOR%20DISCUSSION/SERCOM-2-d05-5(6)-LONG-TERM-OBSERVING-STATIONS-draft1_en.docx&action=default)) for more information.

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Decision justification: SERCOM at its second session was invited to adopt draft [Recommendation 5.5(6)/1 (SERCOM-2)](https://meetings.wmo.int/SERCOM-2/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/SERCOM-2/English/1.%20DRAFTS%20FOR%20DISCUSSION/SERCOM-2-d05-5(6)-LONG-TERM-OBSERVING-STATIONS-draft1_en.docx&action=default) on the update of the mechanism for the recognition of long-term observing stations. It includes in its annex a draft Congress Resolution adopting the recognition mechanism including recognition criteria for centennial marine and hydrological observing stations, as well as the mechanism and criteria for national recognition of 75+ years long-term observing stations. The draft Congress Resolution is also requesting, inter alia, INFCOM lead to the over-all coordination of the recognition mechanism for long-term observing stations. Assuming SERCOM-2 has adopted the draft Recommendation, this draft INFCOM Decision 6.8(3)/1 clarifies the mechanism by which INFCOM is proposed to take the lead in this regard.

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