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THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS,

Recalling its decisions at the sixteenth session requesting the Executive Council to continue to work on, and implement as appropriate, continuous improvement of WMO processes and practices to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of WMO constituent bodies and the overall efficiency of the Organization,

Recalling further its decisions at the seventeenth session requesting the Executive Council to continue to introduce specific measures for improvement of WMO processes and practices and also to undertake a holistic review of the Organization, including its processes and working practices, to provide recommendations on constituent body constructs and also to provide recommendations on rules, procedures, processes, working mechanisms, and duties, of constituent bodies, WMO Officers (President, vice-presidents, PRAs and PTCs) and the relationship between them and the WMO Secretariat to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Organization and good governance,

Noting with satisfaction the work accomplished by the Executive Council, assisted by the Secretariat, during the seventeenth financial period on the reform of the WMO constituent bodies, which had a strong focus on the new construct of the WMO technical commissions and research bodies,

Having agreed on the new technical commissions (Resolution 7 (Cg-18)), research and other bodies (Resolutions 8, 9 and 10 (Cg-18)), on the Executive Council structures (Resolution 5 (Cg-18)), on amended terms of reference of regional associations (Resolution 6 (Cg-18)), and on the transition process to be reviewed at Cg-Ext. at 2021 (Resolution 89 (Cg-18)),

Recognizing that the global societal risks, the technological developments, and the global agenda put unprecedented requirements and expectations to the WMO and to Members for the provision of vital information and services to underpin the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, and the goals of the Paris Agreement and the Sendai Framework,

Further recognizing the fundamental role of the Secretariat in ensuring the successful coordination of WMO activities including those for specialized technical responsibilities and partnerships,

Agrees that the WMO reform efforts should continue during the eighteenth financial period and should focus on the following areas:

- (a) Ensuring coherence and consistency between the strategic, programmatic and financial frameworks; streamline WMO technical and scientific strategies, plans and programmes according to the WMO Strategic Plan, Operating Plan and budget based on long-term goals and strategic objectives,
- (b) Comprehensive review of the WMO regional concept and approaches in order to strengthen the role and enhance the effectiveness of the regional associations, with the support of the WMO Regional Offices,
- (c) Continual enhancement and innovation in administrative processes, rules and practices,
- (d) Review and alignment of the structure, staffing and rules of the Secretariat to enhance its utility and effectiveness in serving Members for achieving the long-term goals and strategic objectives of the Organization, while ensuring a transparent communication process to minimize concerns in staff,

Requests the Executive Council to provide recommendations to Congress on items (a) and (b) above;

Requests the Secretary-General to report to Congress and the Executive Council on items (c) and (d) above;

Further requests the Executive Council:

- (1) To keep constituent body structure under review, along with the development of the future focus areas (outputs) of the Strategic Plan, and
 - (2) To make recommendations to the nineteenth Congress for the establishment of relevant constituent body structures, procedures and measures necessary for implementation of the Strategic Plan in the nineteenth financial period.
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