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## Resolution 9 (EC-68)

### UPDATE OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PANEL OF EXPERTS ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

**Noting** the need for timely and transparent decisions and the increasing cost of undertaking on-site inspections of Regional Training Centres (RTCs),

**Recalling** Resolution 15 (EC-66) – Executive Council criteria for the recognition and reconfirmation of WMO Regional Training Centres,

**Recalling further:**

- (1) The increasing number of RTCs that will need to be reviewed at least every eight years,
- (2) That the Terms of Reference of the Executive Council Panel of Experts on Education and Training are reviewed on a four-year cycle by the Council in the year prior to Congress,

- (3) That the current Terms of Reference were approved by the Council at its sixty-sixth session in 2014 (Resolution 17 (EC-66)),

**Recognizing** the potential benefits of regular reviews for the RTC host institution and country,

**Having considered** the recommendations from the twenty-seventh session of the Executive Council Panel of Experts on Education and Training related to options for carrying out reviews of RTCs,

**Observes** that using a risk-based approach to deciding whether to carry out an on-site or remote inspection of each RTC every eight years provides an acceptable balance between reducing operational costs and ensuring the quality of the RTC network;

**Decides** to update the Terms of Reference of the Executive Council Panel of Experts on Education and Training (see annex to this resolution);

**Requests** the Chairperson of the Executive Council Panel of Experts on Education and Training to bring recommendations regarding the mode of inspection of an RTC to the Council.

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Note: This resolution replaces Resolution 17 (EC-66) which is no longer in force.

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### **Annex to Resolution 9 (EC-68)**

#### **TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PANEL OF EXPERTS ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- (1) To provide Executive Council with inputs into the WMO Strategic Planning process through the provision of recommendations on the future direction and activities of the WMO Education and Training Programme;
- (2) To establish and maintain information sharing arrangements with the regional associations, technical commissions and other relevant bodies in order to determine Members' prioritized ETR needs;
- (3) To provide the Executive Council with advice on the standards and recommended practices for the education and training of personnel of Members;
- (4) To provide the Executive Council with advice on actions for monitoring, strengthening and enhancing the WMO ETRP including the designation of suitable training institutions such as WMO Regional Training Centres;
- (5) To provide the Executive Council with advice on actions to improve the effectiveness of the Fellowship programme based on an ongoing review and evaluation of the programme;
- (6) To support other initiatives of the ETRP including the development and review of activities and guidance material as required;

Membership:

- (i) The Panel will be chaired either by the President of the Organization or a designated member of the Executive Council. If the Chairperson cannot attend a session of the Panel, she/he will appoint a Panel member to chair the session in her/his absence;

- (ii) In addition to the Chairperson, the Panel shall consist of a maximum of twelve members, each of whom will sit in a personal capacity;
- (iii) The members shall be appointed by the Executive Council on the basis of their extensive professional expertise in education and training matters, particularly in the fields of hydrometeorology and climatology and take into account the need for the Panel to have an appropriate technical, geographical and gender balance in considering the most highly qualified candidates;
- (iv) In addition to acting in a personal capacity Panel members will be expected to maintain regular contact with regional association ETR Focal Points and technical commissions to promote cross-cutting coordination and information exchange;
- (v) Members shall serve for a period of four years and may be re-appointed for one further period of four years. No individual may serve for more than eight years in total;
- (vi) Other interested organizations such as IOC (Ocean Teacher Global Academy), and JCOMM may be invited as observers.

Appointment of Members:

The Panel members shall be appointed by the Executive Council through a transparent process as follows:

- (i) The Secretary-General will write to all Members, with copy to the presidents of regional associations and technical commissions, advising them of the opportunity to nominate one person with appropriate skills for consideration by EC for the EC Panel of Experts on Education and Training. The letter will be sent at least six months prior to the EC immediately following Congress. Written nominations endorsed by the PR of the country concerned, or president of the appropriate regional association or technical commission, to reach the Secretary-General no later than 3 months before Congress;
- (ii) The Secretary-General will review the qualifications, determine whether they meet the minimum requirements needed to serve, and submit a prioritized list of candidates to the Executive Council immediately following Congress;
- (iii) The Council will appoint members of the Panel from the list of candidates compiled by the Secretary-General. The Council may choose to create a selection committee to review the list prepared by the Secretary-General. The Council will authorize the President to fill any positions that fall vacant during the intersessional period using the list approved by EC;
- (iv) In accordance with General Regulation 35 (2012 Edition) the Chairperson of the Panel can invite experts to assist the Panel in its deliberations.

Administrative matters:

Financial support for participation by Panel members in meetings shall be provided by the Organization in accordance with General Regulation 37 (2012 Edition).

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