

ABRIDGED FINAL REPORT OF THE FIFTEENTH WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS

Resolution 39 (Cg-XV)

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE THE CONGRESS,

Recalling Resolution 29 (Cg-X) – Financial Advisory Committee,

Considering the report of the fifty-eighth session of the Executive Council and the report of the twenty-sixth meeting of the Financial Advisory Committee,

Decides to maintain the Financial Advisory Committee with the following terms of reference:

1. PURPOSE

To provide advice from WMO Members to Congress and the Executive Council in a transparent fashion on:

- (a) The affordability, sustainability and implementation of the results-based budget;
- (b) Financial matters of the Organization;

2. FUNCTIONS

- (a) To advise on the adequacy of the linkage between results-based budget and the WMO Strategic Plan;
- (b) To advise on the adequacy of regular and extrabudgetary resource allocations against expected results;
- (c) To advise on financial matters, such as proportional contributions and Financial Regulations and any surplus;
- (d) To advise on the overall budget level, taking into account issues of affordability and sustainability;
- (e) To consider the reports of the External Auditor, the Audit Committee and other relevant bodies as necessary in the deliberation of these functions;

3. COMPOSITION

- (a) President of WMO serves as chairperson;
- (b) Core membership comprising the President of WMO and the presidents of the WMO regional associations;
- (c) Open to all WMO Members;

4. WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

- (a) The President should convene the meeting in time, and for a long enough period, to prepare a report prior to the commencement of Congress and the Executive Council;
- (b) Relevant documents should be made available to the Members at least three weeks before the Financial Advisory Committee meeting;
- (c) The Committee should follow the traditional procedures of such WMO bodies, seeking to formulate its recommendations through consensus views;
- (d) The Committee should make its reports available to all WMO Members.