RESOLUTIONS AMENDING THE CONVENTION OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

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Amendments to the Convention of the World
Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Resolutions of amendments adopted by the

Fifth Congress of the WMO, Geneva11 -12 April 1967;

With Annex to Resolution 3 (Cg-V) Entered into force 11 April 1967, with respect to Articles 4(6) and 12(c); 26 April 1967, with respect to

Article 13(a), French text; and 28 April 1967, with respect to certain other articles.

Resolution 1 (Cg-V)

AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 4 (b) and 12 (c) OF THE WMO CONVENTION
ADOPTED ON 11 APRIL 1967

THE CONGRESS,
CONSIDERING:

(1) That the number of Members of the Organization has considerably increased,

(2) The advisability of having on the Executive Committee wider consultation, thus not only improving the representation of the Regions, but also increasing the number of the Directors of Meteorological Services taking an active part in the operation of the Organization,

DECIDES:

(1) That the text of Article 4 (b) of the Convention be replaced by the following:

> "(b) There shall be a President and three Vice-Presidents of the Organization who shall also be President and Vice-Presidents of the Congress and of the Executive Committee.";

(2) That the first sentence of Article 12 (c) of the Convention be replaced by the following:

> "(c) Fourteen Directors of Meteorological Services of Members of the Organization, who can be replaced at sessions by alternates, provided. . .";

(3) That these amendments shall come into force on 11 April 1967.

Resolution 2 (Cg-V)

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AMENDMENT TO THE FRENCH TEXT OF ARTICLE 13(a) OF THE CONVENTION[1]
ADOPTED ON 26 APRIL 1967

THE CONGRESS,
NOTING:

(1) That there is a discrepancy between the English and French texts of Article 13 (a),

(2) That the English text of this article represents the will and intent of Members,

DECIDES that the French text of article 13 (a) be replaced by the following:

"a) de mettre à exécution les décisions prises par les Membres de 1'Organisation, soit au Congrés, soit par correspondance, ET de conduire les activités de l'Organisation conformément à 1'esprit de ces décisions."

Resolution 3 (Cg-V)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION ADOPTED ON 26 APRIL 1967

THE CONGRESS,

NOTING:

(1) Resolution 2 (Cg-IV),

(2) Resolution I (Cg-V),

CONSIDERING that the Convention as the principal working instrument of the Organization should be kept up to date in order that its efficiency may not be impaired,

HAVING EXAMINED the amendments proposed by Members in accordance with the provisions of Article 27 of the Convention and by the Executive Committee,

DECIDES:

(1) To approve the amendments to the Convention of the Organization listed in the annex to this resolution;

(2) That these amendments come into force on 28 April 1967.

Annex to Resolution 3 (Cg-V)

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONVENTION OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

(1) Amend the text of Article 2 — Purposes — paragraph (d) to read:

> "(d) To further the application of meteorology to aviation, shipping, water problems, agriculture, and other human activities; and"

(2) Insert a new Article in Part IV of the Convention entitled "Organization", after the present Article 4 to read:

"ARTICLE 5

The activities of the Organization and the conduct of its affairs shall he decided by the Members of the Organization.

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(a) Such decisions shall normally be taken by Congress in session;

(b) However, except on matters reserved in the Convention for decisions by Congress, decisions may also be taken by Members by correspondence, when urgent action is required between sessions of Congress. Such a vote shall be taken upon receipt by the Secretary-General of the request of a majority of the Members of the Organization, or when so decided by the Executive Committee. Such votes shall be conducted in accordance with Articles 11 and 12 of the Convention and with the General Regulations (hereinafter referred as the 'Regulation's)."

The addition of this new Article requires all following Articles to be renumbered and all references to these Articles throughout in the Convention to be corrected accordingly.

(3) Amend Article 9[*]— Meetings — to read:

"ARTICLE 10 —Sessions

(a) Congress shall normally be convened at interval as near as possible to four years, at a place and on a date to be decided by the Executive Committee;

(b) An extraordinary Congress may be convened by decision of the Executive Committee;

(c) On receipt of requests for an extraordinary Congress from one-third of the Members of the Organization, the Secretary-General shall conduct a vote by correspondence and if a simple majority of the Members are in favour, an extraordinary Congress shall be convened."

Also, as a consequence of this amendment, add Article 10(c) to the enumeration of Articles contained in the last sentence of paragraph (b) of Article 10[*] — Voting.

(4) Amend the first sentence of Article 13[*] — Functions (in Part VII — Executive Committee) to read:

"The Executive Committee is the executive body of the Organization and is responsible to Congress for the co-ordination of the programmes of the Organization and for the utilization of its budgetary resources in accordance with the decisions of Congress."

(5) Insert the following new sub-paragraph (b) in the text of Article 13 — Functions (in Part VII —Executive Committee) and change the letters identifying the present sub-paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (eh (f) and (g) accordingly:

"(b) To examine the programme and budget estimates for the following period prepared by the Secretary-General and to present observations and its recommendations thereon to Congress."

(6) Insert in Article 15 — Voting (in Part VII — Executive Committee) the following new paragraph as paragraph (b):

"Between sessions, the Executive Committee may vote by correspondence. Such votes shall be conducted in accordance with Articles 16(a) and 17 of the Convention."

(7) Amend Article 32[*] to read:

"Article 33
Subject to the provisions of Article 3 of the present Convention, accession shall be effected by the deposit of an instrument of accession with the Government of the United States of America, which shall notify each Member of the Organization thereof."

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[1]1 PTS 503.

[*] This refers to numbering of Articles before the amendment.

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