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**Replacement Names in the
Tropical Cyclone Name List**

(Submitted by USA)

Action Proposed

The Committee is invited to approve the replacements for two tropical cyclone names removed from the list.

Replacement Name for Utor

Tropical Cyclone Utor (1311) formed as a tropical depression northwest of the Yap Islands on 8 August 2013. Utor became a typhoon on 10 August, reached peak intensity on 11 August, and remained at typhoon strength until 14 August 2013. Utor caused widespread damage across Luzon Island and surrounding areas in the Philippines where 830,000 people were displaced and there were at least 11 confirmed casualties.

Damage estimates exceed \$32 million [source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council]. Utor later made landfall in the Guangdong province of southern China on 14 August 2013. More than 8 million residents were impacted by flooding and at least 22 people were killed [source: BBC and Xinhua news agency]. In Taiwan, there was also one person killed after being swept into the ocean [source: BBC]. In the 46th session of the Typhoon Committee, the request to retire the name Utor was approved. In response to this request, U.S.A. suggests the following names as replacements for Utor.

TC Name	Pronunciation	Meaning
Koto	kodo	Marshallese for wind
Kitak	Kidak	Marshallese for westerly monsoon
Barijat	Bah REE jat	Marshallese for coastal areas impacted by waves/winds

Replacement Name for Fitow

Tropical Cyclone Fitow formed as a tropical depression north of the Palau Islands on 29 September 2013. Fitow became a typhoon on 4 October 2013 and remained at typhoon strength until 7 October 2013. Fitow made landfall in the Fujian province of eastern China and affected over three million people in Fujian and neighboring Zhejiang province and caused more than 2 billion yuan (\$330m) in economic damage. Over half a million people were evacuated and there were 4 casualties [source: Xinhua news agency]. In the 46th session of the Typhoon Committee, the request to retire the name Fitow was approved. In response to this request, U.S.A. suggests the following names as replacements for Fitow.

TC Name	Pronunciation	Meaning
Mun	Moon	Yapese for month of June
Yolyol	Yol Yol	Ulithian for month of July
Yiich	Yee ch	Woleai for month of September

Replacement Name for Vicente

In the 46th session of the Typhoon Committee, it was noted the name Vicente appears on both the tropical cyclone name lists for the Western North Pacific and

Eastern North Pacific. In response to this duplication U.S.A. suggests the following names as replacements for Vicente on the Western North Pacific name list to avoid potential confusion.

TC Name	Pronunciation	Meaning
Lan	Lang	Marshallese for storm
Wot	Woot	Marshallese for rainshowers
Aet	Ay eet	Marshallese for ocean current