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**Panel on Tropical Cyclones | Typhoon Committee**  
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**Report on Key Activities of PTCS and Publications in 2014**  
(Item 3 of Provisional Agenda for PTC-TC 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Session)

(Submitted by PTCS)

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**ACTION REQUIRED:**

This Committee is invited to:

- a) Review the key activities of PTCS and publication in 2014

## **Activities of PTC Secretariat**

### **During the Intersessional Period 2014-2015**

PTC Secretariat activities during the intersessional period are given as under:

- Pursuant upon the organization of 41<sup>st</sup> Session of the WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones for the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea (PTC-41) (Dhaka, Bangladesh, 2-6 March, 2014), PTC Secretariat collected input/feedback from the Panel Member countries and other participating international organizations under the auspicious of WMO and ESCAP and arrange / compile the PTC-41 report. The same was circulated to all Panel members.
- In connection to the updation of Tropical Cyclone Operational Plan (TCP-21) for 2014 version, PTC Secretariat collected feedback from PTC Member countries in order to assist Rapporteur of the Operation Plan in the early issuance of TCP-21 2014 version.
- As per recommendation of PTC at its 41<sup>th</sup> Session (Dhaka, Bangladesh from 2-6 March, 2014) WMO made arrangements of holding an International Training Workshop on Dvorak Technique and Tropical Cyclone Forecasting in Muscat, Oman from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014. The Government of Sultanate of Oman had very kindly offered to co-sponsor and host the workshop in Muscat, Oman from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2014. PTC Secretariat extended invitation to the PTC Member countries for inviting suitable nominations. The workshop was attended by thirteen (13) participants from seven out of eight PTC Member countries. The financial support in lieu of travel and per diem to the participants was provided by WMO through PTC Trust Fund.
- PTC Secretariat collected contributions from Member countries for PTC Newsletters and published PTC Newsletter "Panel News" (Issue No.37, 38) and distributed the e-version issues among the PTC Member countries, UNESCAP, WMO and the other concerned international organizations. The electronic versions of the PTC Newsletters were also uploaded on the PTC website at the following web link: [www.ptc-wmoescap.org/newsletters](http://www.ptc-wmoescap.org/newsletters)
- With the support of the Panel, Secretary of PTC represented PTC at 70<sup>th</sup> Session of ESCAP (Bangkok, Thailand from 4-8 August, 2014). The opportunity was also used to share PTC programmes and activities, and to highlight the cooperation of PTC with the other regional body of WMO/ESCAP Typhoon Committee (TC) in the development of manual on integrated multi hazard early warning systems for both PTC and TC regions. At this important platform of ESCAP, the Secretary of PTC made the following statement:

*"On behalf of the WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones for the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea, I would like to highlight the need for the regional cooperation particularly in the field of Early Warning. The PTC is making determined efforts in this regard and has expanded close collaboration with the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee on Multi-hazard Synergized Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP) with support from ESCAP Trust Fund for Tsunami, Disaster and Climate Preparedness and is planning to hold a joint session of*

*Panel on Tropical Cyclones and Typhoon Committee in February, 2015 in Bangkok, Thailand for obtaining goals of early warning in this region.”*

- In connection to the organization of 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Session of PTC and TC in Bangkok, PTC Secretariat has been extending full cooperation to the Typhoon Committee to make the event successful and fruitful.
  
- Concerning to the participation of Panel Members’ representatives in the joint session of PTC and TC, PTC Secretariat extended invitations to the Panel Members for seeking their nominations. The invitations were also extended to other international organizations like IOC-UNESCO, ICAO, CMA, Tohoko University, for sharing of knowledge.
  
- PTC Secretariat collected input / feedback from PTC Member countries and prepare/arrange summary based on their report(s) in relation to meteorology, hydrology, DRR, training/research component for presenting it at the joint session.