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**HOSTING ESCAP/WMO TYPHOON COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT
2011-2014**

(Item 9 of Provisional Agenda – Support required for the Committee's Programme)

Submitted by Typhoon Committee Secretariat

Summary and Purpose of Document:

**Proposal of Typhoon Committee Secretariat to discuss the
offer of Macao Government to continue hosting TCS**

Action Proposed

The Committee is invited to:

Discuss the offer from the Macao Government to continue hosting the TCS for one more four-year period.

1. Background Information

1.1 - Decision of TC at its thirty-eight Session in Hanoi, Vietnam, 14-19 November 2005

According to a decision of the Typhoon Committee at its thirty-eight Session, held in Hanoi, Vietnam, 14-19 November 2005 (paragraph 67 of the Report), the Typhoon Committee Secretariat would be hosted by the Special Administrative Region of Macao-China, for a period of at least four years from the 39th Session of the Typhoon Committee.

1.2 Decision of TC at its 39th Session on the appointment of the Secretary of TC

The representative of Macao, China nominated Mr. Olavo Rasquinho, former director of the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau of Macao, China, for Secretary of the Typhoon Committee. Mr Olavo Rasquinho was confirmed by the Committee as Secretary of the TC for four years from 2007 – 2010 (Report of the Typhoon Committee on its Thirty-ninth Session, Manila, Philippines – 4-9 December 2006 - Paragraph 69)

1.3 Hosting Agreements

Two agreements were signed, one between the People's Republic of China and the Typhoon Committee and other between the Special Administrative Region of Macao-China and the TC, respectively:

-“Host Country Agreement Between the Government of the People's Republic of China and the Typhoon Committee Regarding the Typhoon Committee Secretariat” – signed in Manila, on December 7, 2006, by the Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines of the People's Republic of China, Mr. Li Jinjun, and the Typhoon Committee Chairman Dr. Prisco D. Nilo.

- “Agreement Between the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China and the Typhoon Committee Regarding Administrative, Financial and Related Arrangements for the Typhoon Committee Secretariat” – signed on February 13, 2007, in Macao SAR by the Secretary for Administration and Justice Dr. Florinda da Rosa Silva Chan and the Typhoon Committee Chairman Dr. Prisco D. Nilo.

2. Macao SAR Government contribution and support

Starting in 2007, the annual financial contribution for the Endowment Fund for TCS operation, as under the Agreement between Macao and the TC, has been US\$250,000 (approximately), besides the provision of the premises and secondment of one meteorologist.

In the Hagupit aftermath, which has seriously affected the TCS premises in September 2008, the Government of Macao provided temporary facilities during the restoration period.

3. Offer from Macao Government to host TCS for a new four-year period

Considering that the term of the four-years period will be reached at the end of 2010/beginning of 2011, TCS sent a circular letter (Ref. TCS/147–2009, 12 June 2009 – Annex I) to all Members inviting the interested Members in hosting the TCS to submit their candidatures in order that TC could take a decision at the 42nd TC Annual Session. TCS also requested that the candidatures should be submitted up to 30 September 2009.

Letters on this issue received by TCS:

- From the Hong Kong, China (Ref. HKOW 1/CT/T Pt. 39, 22 September 2009 – Annex II) in which the Director of Hong Kong Observatory expresses his support to the hosting of TCS by Macao SAR for another four-year period.

- From Dr. Fong Soi Kun, Director of Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG), in his capacity as contact person between the Government of Macao and TCS, in which TCS is informed that, considering that there were no submission of candidatures up to the term of the application period, the Government decided to continue hosting TCS for a further four-year period (Ref. DDR 03-01/1582, 21 October 2009 Annex III).

4. Action proposed

The Committee is invited to:

- (a) Discuss the offer from the Macao Government to continue hosting the TCS for one more four-year period.
- (b) To approve one more four-year period for TCS to be sited in Macao SAR as offered by Macao Government;

Annexes:

I - Copy of the TCS circular letter (Ref. TCS/147–2009, 12 June 2009)

II – Copy of the letter (Ref. HKOW 1/CT/T Pt. 39, 22 September 2009) from Hong Kong

III - Copy of the letter (Ref. DDR 03-01/1582, 21 October 2009) from Macao



ESCAP/WMO
Typhoon Committee

ANNEX 1

CIRCULAR LETTER

OUR REFERENCE - TCS/147-2009, 12 June 2009

TO: TYPHOON COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Subject: *Submission of candidatures to host the TCS in 2011-2014.*

Dear Directors of Meteorological, Hydrological and DPP Services,

Following a decision of the Typhoon Committee at its thirty-eight Session, held in Hanoi, Vietnam, 14-19 November 2005 (paragraph 67 of the Report of the Typhoon Committee on its Thirty Eight Session), the TCS would be hosted by the Special Administrative Region of Macao-China, for a period of at least four years from the 39th Session of the Typhoon Committee. For this purpose two agreements were signed, one between the People's Republic of China and the Typhoon Committee and the other between the Special Administrative Region of Macao-China and the TC, respectively on December 7, 2006 and on February 13, 2007. In the latter it was established that *"This Agreement shall be reviewed at the end of the four-year period from the date of its signature by both parties with possibility of further extension"*.

Considering that the term of the four-years period will be reached at the end of 2010/beginning of 2011, I am pleased to invite all the interested Members in hosting the TCS to submit their candidatures in order that TC could take a decision at the 42nd TC Annual Session, which will be held in Singapore, 25-29 January 2010.

Also considering that the TC has to evaluate the conditions offered by the proponent Members, the candidatures should be submitted as soon as possible, not later than 30 September 2009.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely,

Olavo Rasquinho
(Secretary of Typhoon Committee)

cc:

Mr. Thosakdi Vanichkajorn, Chairman of TC, TMD, Thailand
Mr. XUAN Zengpei, Chief, ICTDRR Division, ESCAP, Bangkok
Mr. Le Huu Ti, Chief, Water Security Section, ESCAP, Bangkok
Mr. Clovis Freire, Economic Affairs Officer, ESCAP, Bangkok
Dr. Tokiyoshi Toya, Regional Director for Asia and the South-West Pacific, WMO, Geneva
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Our ref : HKOW 1/CT/T Pt. 39
Your ref : TCS/147-2009, 12 June 2009

22 September 2009

Dr Olavo Rasquinho
Secretary
Typhoon Committee Secretariat
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Macao, China

Dear Dr Rasquinho,

Reference is made to your letter of 12 June inviting the hosting of the Typhoon Committee Secretariat.

It would be our pleasure to support the hosting of TCS by the Macao SARG for another four years.

Yours sincerely,

(B Y Lee)

Director of the Hong Kong Observatory

c.c. Mr Thosakdi Vanichkajorn, Chairman of TC, TMD, Thailand
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事由：
Assunto

Hosting of the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee Secretariat

Thank you for your letter ref.: TCS/147-2009 dated on 12 June 2009, which shows the Secretariat's high attention to this matter.

The Macao SAR Government has all along attached great importance on hosting the Typhoon Committee Secretariat in this Region of the People Republic of China. During the last couple of years, MSAR has been providing all the necessary support to TCS for its smooth operation through the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau. The mutual understanding evolved in these years not only brought outstanding enhancement on the efficiency of the TCS' operation, but also greatly exposed the name of MSAR worldwide.

In considering that the application period for hosting the Secretariat had been over and TCS has confirmed that no Members had made their offer, we are glad to inform your Excellency that the MSAR Government decided to continue hosting the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee Secretariat for a further period of four years after the 42nd Session of the Typhoon Committee.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks for the close collaboration with the TCS in regard of this matter.

Yours truly,

Fong Soi Kun

Contact person between the Government and the TCS

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