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Report of the Advisory Working Group Activities During 2010

(Submitted by AWG)

Agenda Item 8

ACTION REQUIRED:

The Committee is invited to:

Review the progress and accomplishments regarding the activities of the Advisory Working Group during 2010 and consider the proposal by the Advisory Working Group.

APPENDIX:

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1. Introduction.

At the 42nd Session of the Typhoon Committee, the Committee reestablished the Advisory Working Group (AWG) with the Terms of Reference (TORs) as identified in Appendix XXIV of the final Report of the Forty-second Session of the Typhoon Committee, 25-29 January 2010, held in Singapore.

2. Integrated Workshop 6-10 September 2010

- a. The AWG members met 10 September 2010 in conjunction with the *Integrated Workshop "Urban Flood Risk Management in a Changing Climate: Sustainable and Adaptation Challenges"* Macao, China to consider and act upon the tasks assigned by the Committee and the identified AWG TORs.
- b. The Chairpersons of the three working groups, TRCG, TCS, WMO, and ESCAP delivered their reports concerning their activities in support of the Committee's Strategic Plan and 2010 Annual Operating Plan.
- c. The AWG thoroughly reviewed the Typhoon Committee's Annual Operating Plan for 2010 and documented the actions which were completed and those which were not completed (see document WRD/TC.43/8.4). The group was very pleased with the progress made on the Annual Operating Plan and encouraged everyone to continue the hard work necessary to complete the remaining uncompleted actions.
- d. As requested by the 42nd Session and because of the success of the previous Annual Operating Plans, the AWG developed a proposed draft, result-oriented Integrated Annual Operating Plan for 2011 (see document WRD/TC.43/8.4). Again the AOP has specific objectives, actions, and success indicators which support the Key Results Areas and Strategic Goals of the Typhoon Committee's Strategic Plan.
- e. The AWG members reviewed the 2010 approved budget status, and then developed a proposed budget for 2011 to be funded through the use of the Typhoon Committee Trust Fund (TCTF) for the Committee to consider for the period from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 (see document WRD/TC.43/8.2). The proposed budget is based upon the recommended priority items contained in the AOP. In addition to the proposed budget, there are two budget related proposals for the Committee's consideration:
 - 1) As stated last year, the Typhoon Committee is a very active, well-known, important member of the region and in other locations. In the past the Typhoon Committee has specified that the budget for activities funded by Typhoon Committee Trust Fund (TCTF) were not to exceed \$100,000. However to continue and sustain these important activities as was done last year, the budget for 2011 is recommended to be USD \$120,000.
 - 2) As stated at previous Sessions and in line with the Strategic Plan, the AWG again request approval to adjust future budgets approved by the Committee to take advantage of funds not spend on activities which were canceled or

postponed or activities which did not cost as much as budgeted. This ability to adjust some of the budgeted funds permits flexibility and the capability to take advantage of opportunities when they arise. This was done very successfully in the past.

- f. The AWG developed the first proposed Strategic Plan in 2006, and the Typhoon Committee approved the 2007-2011 Plan at its 39th Session held in Manila, Philippines. As requested by the 42nd Typhoon Committee Session, the AWG rewrote and updated the Strategic Plan. The proposed new Strategic Plan for 2012 – 2016 is presented for the Committee's review.

3. Small Meeting of Chairs of ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee Working Groups

Due to the effective use of time at the Integrated Workshop (IWS), past experiences with Annual Operating Plans, and knowledge of the proposed budget, the AWG, which includes the Chairs of the Working Groups, was able to save money and resources by accomplishing most its tasks at the IWS and cancelling the proposed Small Meeting of Chairs of ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee Working Groups planned for December 2010.

4. “Dr. Roman L. Kintanar Award for Typhoon-Related Disaster Mitigation”

- a. At the 41st Session, the Typhoon Committee approved the “Rules and Procedures for the “Dr. Roman L. Kintanar Award for Typhoon-related Disaster Mitigation”. In these rules and procedures, the Typhoon Committee Secretariat submitted the names of the nominee(s) to the Advisory Working Group (AWG). The AWG then was to select not more than 2 winners and provide the name(s) to TCS.
- b. For the Kintanar Award to be presented at the Typhoon Committee's 43rd Session, there were four nominees. The nominated institutions were from three different Typhoon Committee Members and some members of the AWG were from these TC Members and some were not. There was much discussion of possible conflict of interests of AWG members and discussion on how the AWG selection should be made.
- c. With the approval of the Chair of the Typhoon Committee and the Chair of the AWG, the AWG decided that each AWG member be considered a representative of the Typhoon Committee and not a representative of their respective Member for the voting on the Kintanar Award. We trusted the integrity and fairness of each AWG member to review the nominations and vote for the 2 nominations that they believe have had the most beneficial impact for the Typhoon Committee Members and have helped to implement/advance the vision and mission of the Committee described in the strategic plan. Therefore, each of the 8 AWG members was able to vote for two of the four nominees. The nominations with the top 2 vote counts were then presented to the TCS as the selectees.
- d. During these discussions, it was agreed that the rules and procedures needed to be reviewed by the 43rd Session to ensure that the rules and procedures that were to be used for the 44th Session were those that the Committee approved.

5. Proposals by AWG for Consideration

The AWG offers for the Committee consideration and approval:

- a. The proposed updated 2012-2016 Typhoon Committee Strategic Plan.
- b. The proposed Draft Typhoon Committee Budget for Calendar Year 2011.
- c. The proposed 2011 Typhoon Committee Annual Operating Plan
- d. The proposed changes to the selection process for the “Dr. Roman L. Kintanar Award for Typhoon-Related Disaster Mitigation”