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**HOSTING ESCAP/WMO TYPHOON COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT  
AND REAPPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY  
FOR THE PERIOD 2011-2014**

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

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**Summary and Purpose of Document:**

This document summarizes the offer of Macao China to host TCS for the periods 2007-2010 and 2011-2014, the revision of the “Agreement Between the Government of the Macao SAR and the Typhoon Committee Regarding Administrative, Financial and Related Arrangements for the Typhoon Committee Secretariat” and the proposal of Macao, China for the renewal of the appointment of the current Secretary of Typhoon Committee

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**Action Proposed**

The Committee is invited to:

Discuss the proposal of Macao, China for the reappointment of Mr. Olavo Rasquinho as Secretary up to 2014.

## **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, 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 39<sup>th</sup> Session of the Typhoon Committee.

### **1.2 - Decision of TC at its 39<sup>th</sup> 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 to 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.

- "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.

## **2. Offer from Macao Government to host TCS for a new four-year period**

As the term of the four-year period that Macao has been hosting the TCS will be reached on February 13, 2011, the Committee, at its 42<sup>nd</sup> Session, decided to accept the generous offer of the Government of Macao to host the Typhoon Committee Secretariat for the period 2011-2014.

### **3. Revision of the Agreement between the Macao SAR Government and Typhoon Committee**

In accordance with the Article 17, Paragraph 2, of the Agreement between the Macao SAR Government and Typhoon Committee, in which it is stated that the Agreement shall be reviewed at the end of the four-year period from the date of its signature by both Parties with the possibility of further extension, TCS and the Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau, in representation of the Government of Macao, have established talks which resulted in some changes, the most significant being the following:

- The Endowment Fund was updated in function of the 4 years inflation in Macao;
- The professional staff, recruited in Macao or abroad, are entitled to receive wages paid by Macao Government at the same level of the senior technicians of the Macao SAR government, according to the concerned laws and regulations of the Macao SAR.

### **4. Reappointment of the Secretary**

Taking into account the decision of the Committee at its 42<sup>nd</sup> session to accept the generous offer of Macao, China to host the TCS for the period 2011-2014, and considering that the Secretary was appointed for the period 2007-2010, the Committee is invited to discuss the proposal of Macao, China for the reappointment of Mr. Olavo Rasquinho up to 2014.