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AND  
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**Typhoon Committee  
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06-11 February 2012  
Hangzhou, China**

**Report of the Advisory Working Group Activities During 2011**

*(Item 7 of Provisional Agenda)*

*(Submitted by the AWG)*

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**ACTION REQUIRED:**

The Committee is invited to:

Review the progress and accomplishments regarding the activities of the Advisory Working Group during 2011 and consider the proposals by AWG

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**APPENDIX:**

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#### **1. Introduction.**

At the 43rd Session of the Typhoon Committee, the Committee reestablished the Advisory Working Group (AWG) with the Terms of Reference (TORs) as identified in Appendix XXV of the final Report of the Forty-third Session of the Typhoon Committee, 17-22 January 2011, held in Jeju, Republic of Korea.

#### **2. Integrated Workshop on Damage Assessment Methodology and Pre-assessment of Typhoon Landfall Impact, Nha Trang, Viet Nam, 07-11 November 2011**

The AWG members met afternoon 10 and morning 11 November 2011 in conjunction with the *Integrated Workshop* to consider and act upon the tasks assigned by the Committee and the identified AWG Terms of Reference (TORs). The meeting was chaired by Ms. Genevieve Miller – Vice-Chair of AWG. Before the start of the meeting, Ms. Xiao ZHOU from the Shanghai Typhoon Institute gave a presentation on the status of the first issue of the Tropical Cyclone Research & Review. The AWG discussed the key issues, namely the decisions and recommendations made by the Committee at its 43<sup>rd</sup> Session, held in Jeju, Republic of Korea on 17-22 January.

#### **3. Organization of 44th Session-Provisional Agenda of 44<sup>th</sup> TC Session (new structure) –TCS proposal**

It was decided to setting out a Technical Conference (TECO) on the first day of the TC 44<sup>th</sup> TC Session as per proposal of the Committee at its 43<sup>rd</sup> Session. The technical part of the Session will be essentially composed of the review of the 2011 typhoon season (RSMC – Tokyo), the Members' Reports, Presentations on pertinent technical issues and Scientific lectures.

In this respect, the Secretary reminded that the Drafting Committee will have not much time for writing the Report considering that it will not be possible to take advantage of the time during which the Scientific Lectures were given in the previous sessions. It was then suggested that work should start at 08:30 and end at 16:00 so that the AWG can meet every day one or two hours. It was also advised that the summary of the Member's reports should be sent the earliest possible to TCS so that the Report of the Session could be drafted in advance, and that the Member's reports instead of being presented by three representatives of each Member, should be submitted only by one representative who should present the reports on the three components in a well defined time (e.g. 20 or 30 minutes, depending on time available), according to a presentation format (power point), previously established.

#### **4. Joint Session of Panel on Tropical Cyclones (PTC)/ Typhoon Committee (TC)**

WMO representative still considers premature to have a decision on the realization of a joint PTC/TC Session, and will raise this issue at the 44<sup>th</sup> TC Session (Hangzhou, China, 6-11 February 2012) and at the 39<sup>th</sup> PTC Session (Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, 5 to 9 March 2012);

#### **5. Replacement of the Chair of TC in case of impediment**

The AWG together with the TCS will submit to the Session a proposal for changing the Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of Typhoon Committee with the following text:

##### RULE 6

The Committee shall, at each Session, elect from its representatives a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson, who shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election. In the event of the Chairperson is impeded for any reason of performing his duties, the Chairperson successor in his/her organization will assume the role of Typhoon Committee's Chair.

#### **6. Preparation of the 2012 Typhoon Committee Trust Fund (TCTF) Budget**

The budget was discussed taking into consideration the proposal made by the Chairs of the Working Groups and TCS.

#### **7. Updating of the draft Strategic Plan - 2012-2016**

The AWG developed the first proposed Strategic Plan in 2006, and the Typhoon Committee approved the 2007-2011 Plan at its 39<sup>th</sup> Session held in Manila, Philippines. As requested by the 42<sup>nd</sup> Session of TC, the AWG and TCS rewrote and updated the Strategic Plan for the period 2012-2016, taking into consideration the comments of the participants of the 6<sup>th</sup> TC IWS, namely in what concerns the length of the document, the need of creating a table with the Key Results Areas (KRAs), Strategic Goals and Associated Activities, as annex to the main body. The draft of the new Strategic Plan was also submitted to the Members. From these consultations resulted the current draft that is going to be submitted to the 44<sup>th</sup> Session (WRD/TC.44/8.1)

#### **8. Kintanar Award - Selection Working Group (KASWG) and applications for the award.**

Following a request of TCS to all Members for the appointment of a representative for the Kintanar Award Selection Working Group (KASWG), eight Members have

appointed their representatives. The AWG recommended creating a form to be filled by the proponent institution in which the proponent should declare that the proposal is made in consonance with the three components of the TC Member. TCS coordinated the selection of the winners of the Kintanar Award-2011, whose delivery will be held at the opening ceremony of the 44<sup>th</sup> Session.

#### **9. Discontinuation of the TCAR and change the Newsletter to be published twice a year.**

The AWG requested TCS to consult the Members on the discontinuation of Typhoon Committee Annual Review (TCAR) and on the issuance of the TC Newsletter twice per year. The TCS will submit to the 44<sup>th</sup> TC Session two working documents on these issues, respectively (WRD/TC44/9.3) and to (WRD/TC44/9.4).

#### **10. Other matters**

The AWG has discussed other matters but no special recommendations were made considering that the Committee still has to discuss more in detail those issues, namely the format and content of the future AOPs, revision of the written and oral Member Reports, implement methods and procedures to evaluate the effectiveness of training and workshops, revision and evaluation of the operations and activities of the Typhoon Committee for enhanced efficiency and effectiveness.

#### **11. Proposals by AWG for Consideration**

The AWG submits to Committee for consideration and approval:

- a. The proposed updated 2012-2016 Typhoon Committee Strategic Plan (WRD/TC44/8.1)
- b. The status of the Typhoon Committee Annual Operating Plan (AOP)- 2011 and the proposed AOP-2012 (WRD/TC44/8.2)
- c. The proposed Draft Typhoon Committee Budget for Calendar Year 2012 (WRD/TC44/12)