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**CHANGE OF THE RULE 6 OF THE
OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE OF TYPHOON COMMITTEE**

(Item 8 of Provisional Agenda – Programme for 2012 and Beyond))

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Summary and Purpose of Document:

This document summarizes the proposal to change the Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of Typhoon Committee considering that the Rules, updated at the thirty-seventh Session of the TC, do not consider the replacement of the Chairperson in case of impediment to perform the functions due to retirement or other reasons.

Action Proposed

The Committee is invited to:

Discuss the updating of the Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedure of Typhoon Committee

- **Background information**

It has been common practice in the work of the Committee that the top manager the institution that hosts the annual session that is taking place, be elected as chairperson of the Committee during the period until the next session. Nevertheless, the replacement of the Chairperson in case of impediment to perform the respective functions due to retirement or other reasons was not considered in the Rules of Procedure of TC, which can lead to deadlock situations.

It happened in 2011 when the former Administrator of KMA, Dr. Chun Byong-Seong, who was elected Chair of the TC in the 43rd TC Session, held in Jeju in January 2011, was retired a few months later.

Following a question asked by KMA whether Mr. Cho Seok Joon, the new Administrator of KMA, would automatically substitute the former Administrator as Chairman of TC, TCS consulted with the AWG, which advised that the replacement by the new administrator would be a logical step.

Assuming the similar situation may occur again, it would be appropriate to adapt the rules so that this option is included. This document has as annexes the Rules of Procedure, update at the thirty-seventh Session of the TC, held in Shanghai, China, 16-20 November 2004 (ANNEX I) and the proposal for updating the Rules with Regulation 6 amended to include the possibility of replacing the Chairperson (ANNEX II).

ANNEX I

RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE TYPHOON COMMITTEE

(Updated at the thirty-seventh Session of the TC, held in Shanghai, China, 16-20 November 2004)

RULE 1

The Committee shall hold at least one session annually. The venues and dates of its sessions shall be decided by the Committee.

RULE 2

The Typhoon Committee Secretary shall, in consultation with the Executive Secretary of ESCAP, Secretary-General of WMO, and the Chairman of the Committee, issue a notice convening each session of the Committee, together with copies of the provisional agenda, at least three months before the commencement of the session.

RULE 3

The Typhoon Committee Secretary and the TC Secretariat with guidance by the Chairperson of the Typhoon Committee shall, in consultation with the representatives of the Executive Secretary of ESCAP and Secretary-General of WMO, provide the necessary servicing of the Committee's meetings.

RULE 4

All meetings shall be held in private unless the Committee shall decide otherwise.

RULE 5

English shall be the working language of the Committee.

RULE 6

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RULE 7

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RULE 8

Decisions of the Committee shall be made by a majority of the government members present and voting.

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In the event of any matter arising which has not been foreseen by the present Rules, the pertinent rules of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific shall be applied.

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In implementing Article 3 of the Statute of the Typhoon Committee, the Typhoon Committee established a TC Secretary and a TC Secretariat.

ANNEX II

PROPOSAL FOR UPDATING THE

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