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HOSTING TCS IN THE PERIOD 2015-2018  
(Item 11 of Provisional Agenda)

(Submitted by TCS)

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**ACTION REQUIRED:**

The Committee is invited to:

- (a) Discuss offer from Macao, China to host TCS in the period 2015-2018
- (b) Approve hosting TCS by Macao, China (2015-2018)

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**Appendixes:**

I – Background Information

**APPENDIX I (to WRD/TC.46/11.1)**

## 1- Background Information

Following advice from the Advisory Working Group (AWG) at its meeting in Seoul, Republic of Korea, on 28-29 May 2012, TCS invited all the interested Members in hosting the TCS for the next four-year period (2015-2018), to submit their candidatures in order that TC could take a decision at the 46<sup>th</sup> TC Session (Circular Letter TCS/268-2012, 26 October 2012). According to this invitation the deadline for submitting the candidatures was 19 August 2013.

Meanwhile TCS received a letter from Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG), dated January 18, 2013 (Annex I), in which Dr Fong Soi Kun, Director of SMG, on behalf of the government of Macao SAR of China, expressed that *"MSAR has high level of interest to continue hosting TCS for a further period of four years (i.e. years 2015-2018), and would like to seek for your kind assistance to convey our intension to the TC Advisory Working Group"*.

In response to the invitation letter, TCS received from Mr. LEE Ilsoo, Administrator of Korea Meteorological Administration, a letter dated 19 August 2013 (Annex II), in which it was stated that *"... concerning the submission of candidatures to host Typhoon Committee Secretariat (TCS) for the period 2015-2018, I would like to express that Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA) fully recognizes and respects Macau SAR (MSAR) Government's intention to continue hosting the TCS for the period. However the Korean Government also have full interest in hosting TCS and if chances are allowed, Korea hopes to be honored to host it in the future, specifically after the year 2018"*.

As it was requested in the letter from KMA, TCS shared with the Members the intention of Republic of Korea to Host TCS. As some representatives of the Members got a bit confused, KMA clarified, in a message from KMA International Cooperation Division (August 28, 2013 5:10 PM) that *"The Republic of Korea agrees that Macao will continue hosting TCS for the period 2015-2018 and would like to host it from 2018 onwards"*.

ANNEXI

Letter from SMG, dated January 18, 2013



澳門特別行政區政府  
Governo da Região Administrativa Especial de Macau  
地球物理暨氣象局  
Direcção dos Serviços Meteorológicos e Geofísicos

To:  
**Dr. Olavo Rasquinho**  
Secretary of The Typhoon Committee  
Secretariat

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事由：  
Assunto

**Hosting TCS for the Period 2015-2018**

Dear Dr. Olavo Rasquinho,

Thank you for your letter *ref: TCS/237-2012* dated on 27 September 2012 regarding Macau SAR Government's intention to continue hosting the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee Secretariat for the period 2015-2018.

I am now pleased to inform you that the MSAR has high level of interest to continue hosting TCS for a further period of four years (i.e. Year 2015-2018), and would like to seek for your kind assistance to convey our intention to the TC Advisory Working Group.

During the last couple of years, MSAR has made full effort in providing all the necessary support to TCS for its smooth operation through the Meteorology 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Fong Soi Kun  
Director



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Letter from KMA, dated 19 August 2013

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19 August 2013

To: Olavo Rasquinho  
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ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee

From: LEE Ilsoo  
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Korea Meteorological Administration

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Dear Mr. Rasquinho,

With reference to your letter TCS/268-2012 dated on 26 October 2012 concerning the submission of candidatures to host the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee Secretariat (TCS) for the period 2015-2018, I would like to express that the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA) fully recognizes and respects Macau SAR (MSAR) Government's intention to continue hosting the TCS for the period.

However, the Korean Government also has a strong interest in hosting TCS and if chances are allowed, Korea hopes to be honored to host it in the future, specifically after the year 2018. In this regard, I would appreciate it if you could share our intention with TC Members.

Sincerely yours,

LEE Ilsoo  
Administrator

ANNEX III

Letter from SMG, dated 07 February 2014

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Owing to the unavailability of Macau, China Delegation to be present at the 46<sup>th</sup> Session of Typhoon Committee held in Bangkok, Thailand in 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014, we request Dr. Olavo Rasquinho, the Secretary of Typhoon Committee, on behalf of Macau, China, to nominate Mr YU Jixin to be the candidate to the post of Secretary of Typhoon Committee in the period of 2015 to 2018.

Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fong Soi Kun", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Fong Soi Kun

7/Feb/2014