**APPENDIX XVII**

**The next TC Secretary (2023-2026/early 2027)**

1. Background

The Committee approved the Long-Term Mechanism for TC Secretary Appointment in its 49th session held in Yokohama, Japan, from 21 to 24 February 2017.

Mr. YU Jixin was reappointed by the Typhoon Committee in its 51st Session held in Guangzhou, China from 26 February to 1st March 2019, as Secretary of this Committee for the period 2019-2022/early 2023. His term as the Secretary of the Committee will be ended at the 55th session of the Committee which will be held via Video Conference by Macao, China, March 2023.

1. According to the Long-Term Mechanism for TC Secretary Appointment, TCS circulated the letter to Members for nomination of the Secretary of Typhoon Committee on 24 January 2022. TCS had received two candidates Dr. DUAN Yihong from China and Dr. Eun Jeong CHA from Korea.
2. Considering the possibility that the 55th Session may not meet face-to-face, the AWG proposed the “voting by correspondence” approach for the selection of the next TC Secretary, and all of the Members who responded to the survey concurred with the proposed approach. Based on the survey result, the AWG recommended, and the TC54 Chairperson decided to conduct the “voting by correspondence” before the 55th Session.
3. As the 55th session of the Committee will be held via Video Conference, TCS in coordination with the AWG, initiated the process for voting by correspondence, with an inclusion of additional “backup” arrangements to cater for potential delay in mailing services were also incorporated in the proposed “voting by correspondence” arrangements.
4. TCS reported that 13 out of the 14 TC Members have casted their votes and all these votes have been received by TCS. the vote opening and counting would be conducted on 2 March 2023 at TCS Office in Macao, China. A web meeting link would be provided for TC Chairs, AWG Members and the two candidates to witness the vote opening and counting virtually.
5. The result of the voting by correspondence is 7 votes to China and 5 votes to Republic of Korea. In this connection, the new TC Secretary to be endorsed by the Committee at the 55th Session is Dr. DUAN Yihong from China.