

**CONVENTION  
OF THE  
WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION**

With a view to coordinating, standardizing, and improving world meteorological activities and to encouraging an efficient exchange of meteorological information between countries in the aid of human activities the contracting States agree to the present Convention, as follows:

**PART I**

**Establishment**

**Article 1**

The World Meteorological Organization (hereinafter called the Organization) is hereby established.

**PART II**

**Article 2**

**Purposes**

The purposes of the Organization shall be:

- (a) To facilitate world-wide cooperation in the establishment of networks of stations for the making of meteorological observations or other geophysical observations related to meteorology and to promote the establishment and maintenance of meteorological centers charged with the provision of meteorological services;
- (b) To promote the establishment and maintenance of systems for the rapid exchange of meteorological information;
- (c) To promote standardization of meteorological observations and to ensure the uniform publication of observations and statistics;
- (d) To further the application of meteorology to aviation, shipping, water problems, agriculture, and other human activities; and
- (e) To encourage research and training in meteorology and to assist in coordinating the international aspects of such research and training.

**PART III**

**Membership**

**Article 3**

**Members**

The following may become Members of the Organization by the procedure set forth in the present Convention:

- (a) Any State represented at the Conference of Directors of the International Meteorological Organization convened at Washington, D. C., on September 22, 1947, as listed in Annex I attached hereto, and which signs the present Convention and ratifies it in accordance with Article 32, or which accedes thereto, in accordance with Article 33;
- (b) Any Member of the United Nations having a meteorological service by acceding to the present Convention in accordance with Article 33;
- (c) Any State, fully responsible for the conduct of its international relations and having a meteorological service, not listed in Annex I of the present Convention and not a Member of the United Nations, after the submission of a request for membership to the Secretariat of the Organization and after its approval by two-thirds of the Members of the Organization as specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Article by acceding to the present Convention in accordance with Article 33;

- (d) Any territory or group of territories maintaining its own meteorological service and listed in Annex II attached hereto, upon application of the present Convention on its behalf, in accordance with paragraph (a) of Article 34, by the State or States responsible for its international relations and represented at the Conference of Directors of the International Meteorological Organization convened at Washington, D. C., on September 22, 1947, as listed in Annex I of the present Convention;
- (e) Any territory or group of territories, not listed in Annex II of the present Convention, maintaining its own meteorological service but not responsible for the conduct of its international relations, on behalf of which the present Convention is applied in accordance with paragraph (b) of Article 34, provided that the request for membership is presented by the Member responsible for its international relations, and secures approval by two-thirds of the Members of the Organization as specified in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of this Article;
- (f) Any trust territory or group of trust territories maintaining its own meteorological service and administered by the United Nations, to which the United Nations applies the present Convention in accordance with Article 34.

Any request for membership in the Organization shall state in accordance with which paragraph of this Article membership is sought.

**PART IV**

**Organization**

**Article 4**

- (a) The Organization shall comprise:
  - (1) The World Meteorological Congress (hereinafter called the Congress);
  - (2) The Executive Committee;
  - (3) Regional Meteorological Associations (hereinafter called the Regional Associations);
  - (4) Technical Commissions;
  - (5) The Secretariat.
- (b) There shall be a President and three Vice-Presidents of the Organization who shall also be President and Vice-Presidents of the Congress and of the Executive Committee.

**Article 5**

The activities of the Organization and the conduct of its affairs shall be decided by the Members of the Organization.

- (a) Such decisions shall normally be taken by Congress in session;
- (b) However, except on matters reserved in the Convention for decisions by Congress, decisions may also be taken by Members by correspondence, when urgent action is required between sessions of Congress. Such a vote shall be taken upon receipt by the Secretary-General of the request of a majority of the Members of the Organization, or when so decided by the Executive Committee.

Such votes shall be conducted in accordance with Articles 11 and 12 of the Convention and with the General Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulations").

**PART V**

**Officers of the Organization and members of  
the Executive Committee**

**Article 6**

- (a) Eligibility for election to the offices of President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization, of President and