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The World Meteorological Organisation (hereafter referred to as WMO) and the European Meteorological Society (hereafter referred to as EMS),

CONSIDERING the provisions of the Convention of the World Meteorological Organization, by which WMO was created in order to facilitate cooperation in the establishment of networks of stations for making meteorological, hydrological and other related geophysical observations; to promote the rapid exchange of meteorological information, the standardization of meteorological observation and the uniform publication of observations and statistics; to further the application of meteorology to aviation, shipping, water problems, agriculture, drought monitoring, disaster mitigation, ozone and pollution monitoring, weather and climate-sensitive socio-economic activities, and to promote operational hydrology and encourage research and training in meteorology;

CONSIDERING the objectives of the European Meteorological Society are: to advance meteorology (and sciences related to it) at a European-wide level; to assist the development of applications of these subjects for the public welfare and benefit of the peoples of Europe and elsewhere. To these end, the Society will concentrate its efforts into activities to foster communication to, from and between Meteorological Societies; to seek contacts on many levels and to all related Societies for positive and synergetic relationships; to promote the exchange of ideas, knowledge and publications; to focus on co-organizing and organizing conferences and on efforts in meteorological education;

BEING AWARE of the need to develop close cooperation between WMO and EMS in areas of joint interest, and wishing to promote and strengthen such cooperation;

DESIRING to cooperate with a view to the effective achievement of their shared objectives, in particular with regard to the promotion of sciences of meteorology and hydrology for the safety of human life and property, protection of the environment, sustainable economic and social development, and education and training, using the following ways and means;

Article I Exchange of information, representation and consultation

- 1. Subject to provisions which may be necessary in order to safeguard the confidential nature of certain documents and information, the parties shall, as needed, exchange information and documents concerning matters of joint interest.*
- 2. Each Party may invite the other to attend as an observer, in accordance with its own current procedures and practices, any conferences and meetings which it may hold on matters of joint interest.*
- 3. Wherever desirable and useful, the Parties shall hold consultations on matters of joint interest and on topics relating, to their collaboration; to this end, they may decide, if necessary, to establish a joint commission or ad hoc committees or commissions, pursuant to provisions and conditions to be established by joint agreement.*

Article II Cooperation arrangement

1. *Within the framework of their respective activities, both Parties may agree to the design and implementation of joint cooperation projects, which may, more specifically, take the form of technical meetings, public seminars, thematic projects and support actions aimed at particular regions or countries.*
2. *Such projects shall be designed and implemented in accordance with specific arrangements, to be determined jointly by the relevant organs of both parties, setting the practical, technical and financial conditions for the participation of both parties, whose visibility shall be duly ensured.*
3. *The Secretary-General of WMO and the Executive Secretary of EMS shall adopt appropriate administrative measures to ensure effective cooperation and liaison between the Secretariats of both Organizations.*

Article III Publications

Both Organizations recognize the desirability of cooperation in regard to the preparation of their official publications and of joint publications, the dissemination of publications, and the adaptation of their respective publications with a view to promoting optimum use thereof in the context of the work of the other Organization.

Article IV Entry into force, amendments and duration of this Memorandum of Understanding

1. *This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date on which it is signed by the duly authorized representatives of both organizations.*
2. *This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by joint agreement following a written proposal from either of the Parties. Amendments shall enter into force three months after the date of notification of the consent of both Organizations.*
3. *This Memorandum of Understanding may be denounced by either Party provided that six months' notice is given to the other Party. Denunciation of this Memorandum of Understanding by either Party shall in no way affect previously contracted obligations.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in English.

For
the World Meteorological
Organization (WMO)

For
the European Meteorological Society
(EMS)


Prof. G. O. P. Obasi
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