

TROPICAL CYCLONE PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

(Submitted by WMO)

Summary and purpose of document

The purpose of this document is to advise CGMS Members of WMO's Tropical Cyclone Programme requirements

ACTION PROPOSED

CGMS to take action on the Committee's request for EUMETSAT to find a solution ensuring geostationary coverage of the Indian Ocean beyond 2005 in order to provide Members the necessary satellite data in support of their national mandates.

1. During the sixteenth session of the RA I Tropical Cyclone Committee for the South-West Indian Ocean (Maputo, Mozambique, 8 to 12 September 2003), the Committee was informed that one of the action items agreed upon at CGMS-XXX was for India, China and the Russian Federation to take into account the Committee's request to consider the possibility of continuing and implementing, on a permanent basis, geostationary coverage of the Indian Ocean, in order to provide the necessary data in support of the national mandates of the WMO Members in the region and to report to CGMS-XXXI.

2. The Committee thanked EUMETSAT for agreeing to maintain its coverage over the Indian Ocean at least until 2005. It however reiterated its concern about the absence of any permanent geostationary satellite coverage over the Indian Ocean and requested WMO to make representations with EUMETSAT to find a solution ensuring geostationary coverage of the Indian Ocean beyond 2005.