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1 INTRODUCTION

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2 CGMS MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

The current CGMS membership comprises 15 participating organisations, based in the following territories,

- CMA, CNSA: China,
- CNES, ESA, EUMETSAT, IOC/UNESCO: European Union,
- IMD: India,
- JAXA and JMA: Japan,
- KMA: Korea,
- NASA and NOAA: United States of America,
- ROSCOSMOS and ROSHYDROMET: Russian Federation,
- WMO: Switzerland.

The traditional round of CGMS meetings has been established

2.1 CURRENT ROUND OF CGMS MEETINGS (CGMS-28 TO CGMS-34)

The current round of CGMS meetings has taken place in the following dates and locations:

- CGMS-28 from 16 to 20 October 2000 in Woods Hole, USA,
- CGMS-29 from 22 to 25 October 2001 in Capri, EU,
- CGMS-30 from 11 to 14 November 2002 in Bangalore, India,
- CGMS-31 from 10 to 13 November 2003 in Ascona, Switzerland,
- CGMS-32 from 17 to 20 May 2004 in Sochi, Russian Federation,
- CGMS-33 from 1 to 4 November 2005 in Tokyo, Japan,
- CGMS-34 from 2 to 7 November 2006 in Shanghai, China.

Considering the membership of KMA since CGMS-33 and the tradition of placing new members at the end of a round, CGMS-35 should take place in 2007 in Korea. This meeting would conclude the round.

2.2 PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE CGMS MEETINGS (CGMS-35 TO CGMS-42)

The Secretariat wishes to propose that future CGMS meetings will be

- CGMS-35 in 2007 in the USA,
- CGMS-36 in 2008 in Korea,
- CGMS-37 in 2009 in the EU,
- CGMS-38 in 2010 in India,
- CGMS-39 in 2011 in Switzerland,
- CGMS-40 in 2012 in Japan,
- CGMS-41 in 2013 in the Russian Federation,
- CGMS-42 in 2014 in China.

The first adjustment consists in holding the CGMS meeting in Korea after the beginning of the next round of meetings (and not at the end of the current round).

This could contribute to a geographical balance of the CGMS meeting locations, avoiding three consecutive meetings in the Far East (Japan, China and Korea). Korea would also be able to host CGMS in the year of the planned launch of the COMS satellite.

The second adjustment envisages a CGMS meeting in Japan before holding a meeting in the Russian Federation.

This adjustment could further contribute to the geographical balance for the CGMS meeting locations, avoiding two consecutive meetings in Europe (Switzerland and Russian Federation) followed by two consecutive meetings in the Far East (Japan and China).

3 CONCLUSIONS

CGMS Members are invited to consider this proposal and to accept it as a general indication for the locations of future CGMS meetings, subject to further confirmation by the candidate hosting country the year before the meeting, in line with the current practice.