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CGMS Members are encouraged to make use of the CGMS Directory of Satellite Applications and to provide the Secretariat with new topics.

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1 BACKGROUND

CGMS will recall that the first release of 64 applications pages were compiled into a first version of the CGMS Directory of Satellite Applications. This was published and distributed in May 1998. Based upon this initial experience, CGMS Members were invited to submit further topics for inclusion in a second version of the Directory, which would be published both in a loose-leaf folder format and on cd-rom. In order to keep within the agreed time-scale, it was decided that a further batch of 64 topics would be included within this revised version of the document in order to complete the project by the end of 1998.

Early in 1999, the second version of the Directory was published in loose-leaf folder format and distributed widely. A version of the document in a format suitable for cd-rom and Web site use was subsequently prepared and distributed on cd-rom in July 1999.

2 FUTURE UP-DATES TO THE DIRECTORY

Since the Directory of Meteorological Satellite Applications is intended to be a "living" reference document, CGMS Members are encouraged to submit further topics to the CGMS Secretariat at any time. EUMETSAT will collect the topics and periodically collate batches of topic pages, with a view to publication in the loose-leaf format, and with a corresponding revision of the cd-rom, every two or three years as appropriate.

3 CONCLUSION

The first edition of the CGMS Directory of Satellite Application has been widely distributed and very well received by the user community. The CGMS Secretariat wishes to thank all CGMS Members for their contributions and to acknowledge, with great appreciation, the efforts of Mr John Morgan, Quensha Associates, in compiling and publishing this valuable document.