

**CGMS MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION AND EXPANDED SPACE-BASED COMPONENT OF THE
GLOBAL OBSERVING SYSTEM**

(Submitted by WMO)

Summary and purpose of document

To inform CGMS Members of the status of WMO proposals to expand the CGMS Membership.

ACTION PROPOSED

CGMS Members to note and comment on the document as appropriate.

DISCUSSION

Background

1. At CGMS-XXXI, WMO proposed that CNES be considered for full membership in CGMS. In view of the unanimous decision by CGMS-XXXI, CNES was invited to become a full member and has responded by accepting the invitation from the CGMS Secretariat.

Related activities

2. At CGMS-XXXI, WMO noted that two other agencies, China's National Space Agency (CNSA) and the Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI) had expressed an interest to participate in the space-based component of the Global Observing System. However, no further indications have been received from CNSA or KARI. CNSA attended the fourth session of the WMO Consultative Meetings on High-level Policy on Satellite Matters, as well two representatives from the Korea Meteorological Administration.
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