

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 WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones request to consider the possibility of continuing, on a permanent basis, its coverage of the Indian Ocean in order to provide the necessary data in support of the national mandates of the Members.

DISCUSSION

During the twenty-eighth session of the WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones for the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea held in Bangkok, Thailand from 14 to 20 March 2001, the Panel noted with appreciation that the European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT) shifted the position of its METOSAT 5 to cover a large part of the Panel Region. It requested WMO to approach EUMETSAT with the request to continue with the arrangement in the years to come.

It is further requested that EUMETSAT consider providing the Panel of any satellite contingency plan, if any, with regard to METOSAT-5