

RESOLUTION ON THE LOCATION OF ECMWF NEW DATA CENTRE

Adopted by the Council at its 90th session on 22 June 2017

The Council of ECMWF,

RECALLING its unanimous decision relating to the data centre dated 1 March 2017 (document ECMWF/C/89(17)D),

ACKNOWLEDGING that the United Kingdom has fulfilled its obligations set out in the Headquarters Agreement over the last 40 years through the provision and maintenance of rent-free Headquarters accommodation at Shinfield Park, facilitating the expansion of these facilities as required by Members,

RECOGNISING that the current accommodation at Shinfield Park does not provide a sustainable long-term solution for the further expansion of ECMWF's data centre,

RECOGNISING the critical importance of maintaining a High Performance Computing Facility ("HPCF") for ECMWF to maintain its world-leader position,

RECOGNISING further the urgency in deciding on the location of a new data centre in time for the installation of ECMWF's next HPCF,

NOTING that the high-level agreements between the Government of the Italian Republic and ECMWF for the location of a new data centre in Bologna, (the "Agreement" and the "Supplementary Agreement"), enclosed in an Annex to this Resolution, set out the legal, financial and technical elements of the proposal, including privileges and immunities,

- I. AUTHORISES the Director-General to sign the Agreement, in accordance with Article 6(1)(f) of the Convention and to sign the Supplementary Agreement;
- II. REITERATES that any transfer of the staff accommodation and associated facilities of the ECMWF Headquarters will have to be decided by Council according to Article 6(1)(g) of the Convention;
- III. REQUESTS the Director General to work with the UK to develop a proposal for consideration by Council for satisfying the future accommodation needs of ECMWF.
- IV. STRESSES that the ECMWF staff located in the data centre, on the basis of the resourcing plan, will have responsibilities solely related to the operation of the data centre and the associated IT infrastructure and that their number will be up to 20. Any change in this number of staff will have to be approved, according to the procedures set forth in the Convention.