

RESOLUTION ON HARMONIZATION

Adopted by the Council at its 48th session (June 1998)

At its 48th session (June 1998) the Council endorsed the recommendations from the Joint Harmonization Group (JHG) as attached to document ECMWF/C/48(98)12. The Council requested the Secretariat to implement practical provisions coming from these recommendations. The Council requested the Finance Committee to examine financial implications of the implementation of these recommendations. The Council requested the Policy Advisory Committee to examine the policy issues raised in document ECMWF/C/48(98)12. The Council requested the Finance Committee and PAC to draw up opinions and recommendations for consideration by the Council at its 49th session.

Recommendations on procedure to cover future harmonization of rules

The JHG recommends:

- that the Councils and General Assembly commit themselves to the principle that future decisions regarding data policy should always be taken with knowledge of the impact on the other two organisations, and with the principle that decisions should always aim to increase (rather than decrease) harmonization;
- that Councils and the General Assembly will only consider a Resolution or formal proposal related to data policy issues where the Councils or General Assembly are given statements as to the potential impact on harmonization; such statements should be the result of the consultation provided for below;
- to allow the above process to take place:
- that Councils and the General Assembly give the other two Organisations observer status, to the extent necessary to allow access to documentation and attendance at key sessions of relevant Committees or Working Groups or similar, where required;
- that each Council and the General Assembly receive a brief Report annually on the actions which have been undertaken in this respect.