

**WORKING ARRANGEMENTS
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR MEDIUM-RANGE WEATHER
FORECASTS
AND THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION**

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Introduction

The working arrangements with the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts were approved on behalf of the World Meteorological Organization by its Executive Committee at its twenty-sixth session in May-June 1974 with the stipulation that the formal exchange of letters setting forth the agreed terms of the working arrangements should take place following the coming into force of the Convention of the Centre. The Convention of the Centre came into force on 1 November 1975 and the text of the working arrangements was approved on behalf of the Centre by its Council at its first meeting, held in November 1975.

These working arrangements were modified and confirmed by an exchange of letters between the Director of the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts and the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization on 4 November 1975. This exchange of letters is reproduced hereunder.

Exchange of letters

I World Meteorological Organization

Geneva, 4 November 1975

The Director
European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts
Skimped Hill
Bracknell

Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the negotiations which have taken place between representatives of the World Meteorological Organization and of the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (hereafter referred to as "the Centre") regarding their working relations and, in accordance with the decisions of the Executive Committee of the Organization and of the Council of the Centre, to confirm hereby that the working relationship between the Centre and the Organization shall be based on the following:

- (a) The Secretary-General of the Organization and the Director of the Centre, with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective constituent instruments, will act in close co-operation with each other and will consult each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest. In particular, such co-operation and consultation shall be set up for the purpose of effective co-ordination of activities and procedures arising from the World Weather Watch Programme, the Global Atmospheric Research Programme and the activities of the Centre, with a view to ensuring optimum benefits for meteorological operations and research; it is further agreed that the Centre, with reference to Article 2(g) of the Convention establishing the Centre, will “assist in implementing programmes of the WMO” in such cases where a common interest has been demonstrated;
- (b) The Organization and the Centre agree to keep each other informed concerning all programmes of works and projected activities in which there may be mutual interest, and shall exchange publications concerning these and related fields;
- (c) Suitable arrangements will be made for the participation of each party to this working arrangement in those sessions and meetings of the other party which relate to items of common interest. In particular, with reference to Article 4.2 of the Convention establishing the Centre, a representative of the WMO shall be invited to take part in the work of the Council as an observer, and to Article 7.1 of the same Convention, a representative of the WMO shall be invited to take part in the work of the Scientific Advisory Committee.

Since I understand that this procedure is acceptable to you and the Council of the Centre, may I suggest that this letter and your reply be considered as the basis for continuing relations between the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts and the World Meteorological Organization.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(*sgd*) D.A. Davies
Secretary-General

II European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts

Bracknell, 4 November 1975

The Secretary-General
World Meteorological Organization
Geneva.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 4 November 1975 regarding the relations between the World Meteorological Organization and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts and in accordance with the decisions of the Executive Committee of the Organization and of the Council of the Centre, I am pleased to confirm hereby that the working relationship between the World Meteorological Organization (hereafter referred to as “the Organization”) and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (hereafter referred to as “the Centre”) shall be based on the following procedures:

- (a) The Secretary-General of the Organization and the Director of the Centre, with a view to facilitating the effective attainment of the objectives set forth in their respective constituent instruments, will act in close co-operation with each other and will consult each other regularly in regard to matters of common interest. In particular, such co-operation and consultation shall be set up for the purpose of effective co-ordination of activities and procedures arising from the World Weather Watch Programme, the Global Atmospheric Research Programme and the activities of the Centre, with a view to ensuring optimum benefits for meteorological operations and research; it is further agreed that the Centre, with reference to Article 2(g) of the Convention establishing the Centre will “assist in implementing programmes of the Organization” in such cases where a common interest has been demonstrated.
- (b) The Organization and the Centre agree to keep each other informed concerning all programmes of works and projected activities in which there may be mutual interest, and shall exchange publications concerning these and related fields.
- (c) Suitable arrangements will be made for the participation of each party to this working arrangement in those sessions and meetings of the other party which relate to items of common interest. In particular, with reference to Article 4.2 of the Convention establishing the Centre, a representative of the Organization shall be invited to take part in the work of the Council as an observer, and to Article 7.1 of the same Convention, a representative of the Organization shall be invited to take part in the work of the Scientific Advisory Committee.

Since these procedures are acceptable to both Organizations, I agree that your letter of 4 November 1975 and this reply form the basis for continuing relations between the Organization and the Centre.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(*sgd*) A.C. Wiin-Nielsen
Director