

**Draft resolution**

**Res. 3.7/2 (Cg-XIV) – WMO PROGRAMME FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES**

**THE CONGRESS,**

**NOTING:**

- (1) That the third United Nations Conference on the LDCs (Brussels May 2001) adopted a Programme of Action for the LDCs for the decade 2001-2010,
- (2) That the objective of the Programme of Action is to improve the human conditions of more than 600 million people in the 49 countries concerned, through accelerated sustained economic growth,
- (3) That the United Nations system, including WMO, was requested to play a key role in the implementation of the Programme of Action,
- (4) That several United Nations organizations have already drawn up special programmes for LDCs in their areas of competence,
- (5) That the NMHSs have a major role to play in the socio-economic development efforts of the countries concerned,

**CONSIDERING:**

- (1) That the WMO Executive Council, during its fifty-third session, had agreed on the need to develop a WMO programme for the LDCs,
- (2) That the Council had requested the Secretary-General to prepare appropriate proposals concerning WMO's support to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the LDCs,
- (3) That several special actions have already been carried out to support NMHSs of LDCs but with limited results,

**DECIDES:**

- (1) To establish a WMO programme for the Least Developed Countries with the long-term objective of ensuring that NMHSs of the countries concerned contribute efficiently and in a timely manner to the socio-economic development efforts of the LDCs;
- (2) To include this programme in the WMO Sixth Long-term Plan within the framework of the Technical Cooperation Programme;

**REQUESTS** the Executive Council to monitor the progress in the development and implementation of the programme and advise on the best ways and means of mobilizing resources for this purpose;

**REQUESTS** the Secretary-General:

- (1) To establish a Trust Fund for the WMO programme for the Least Developed Countries and to take appropriate measures for the mobilization of the required resources;
- (2) To report to Fifteenth Congress on the implementation of the programme;

**URGES** Members to participate actively and to contribute to the funding of the programme.

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