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## CONVENTION OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

With a view to co-ordinating, standardizing, and improving world meteorological activities and to encouraging an efficient exchange of meteorological information between countries in the aid of human activities the contracting States agree to the present Convention, as follows:

### PART I

#### *Establishment*

#### ARTICLE 1

The World Meteorological Organization (hereinafter called the Organization) is hereby established.

### PART II

#### ARTICLE 2

#### *Purposes*

The purposes of the Organization shall be:

- (a) To facilitate worldwide cooperation in the establishment of networks of stations for the making of meteorological observations or other geophysical observations related to meteorology and to promote the establishment and maintenance of meteorological centres charged with the provision of meteorological services;
- (b) To promote the establishment and maintenance of systems for the rapid exchange of weather information;
- (c) To promote standardization of meteorological observations and to ensure the uniform publication of observations and statistics;
- (d) To further the application of meteorology to aviation, shipping, agriculture, and other human activities; and
- (e) To encourage research and training in meteorology and to assist in coordinating the international aspects of such research and training.

### PART III

#### *Membership*

#### ARTICLE 3

#### *Members*

The following may become Members of the Organization by the procedure set forth in the present Convention:

- (a) Any State represented at the Conference of Directors of the International Meteorological Organization convened at Washington, D.C.