

TERMS OF REFERENCE

- a) provide advice and guidance to the WAFC Provider States concerning the operation of the WAFS and its effectiveness in meeting current global and, where appropriate, regional operational requirements;
- b) develop proposals for the development of the WAFS in order to ensure that it continues to meet evolving global and, where appropriate, regional operational requirements;

Note.— Such proposals for requirements should be made under ICAO procedures for the amendment of Annex 3.

- c) monitor, assess and provide advice on technological developments relevant to the WAFS to ensure that full advantage may be taken of such technologies to maintain and, where possible, improve the cost-effectiveness of the WAFS, and develop appropriate proposals, as necessary, for the adoption of such technologies;
- d) liaise with the MET advisory groups to the PIRGs regarding progress by States in their capability to receive/decode/process WAFS output products in the GRIB and BUFR code forms, and any other binary codes that may be used in the WAFS in the future. Based on information received, provide advice as necessary to ICAO, and through ICAO to WMO, regarding training and/or guidance material that may be required to ensure that all States have the opportunity to use WAFS output products regardless of the present or future mode of coding and/or transmission;
- e) advise the WAFCs in the development and use of appropriate WAFS output performance indicators;
- f) monitor the WAFS output to ensure that both the appearance of the output and location of systems in areas of overlap are harmonized;
- g) liaise with the SADISOPSG and the MET advisory groups to the PIRGs regarding the global distribution of WAFS data and products; and
- h) make regular progress reports to the Air Navigation Commission.