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Annex: 1

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Subject: Renewal of the COSPAR-WMO Agreement on Training and Capacity Building until 2021

Dear Professor Fisk,

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 21 March 2012 between the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR) by our predecessors, Dr Ryan and Professor Bignami, with the goal of linking the WMO-CGMS Virtual Laboratory for Education and Training (VLab) and the Capacity Building in Earth-observation of the Committee on Space Research. The Memorandum was renewed in 2015. Through this Agreement, WMO and COSPAR have pursued the following cooperative activities:

- Exchange of information on capacity building activities;
- Exchange of contact points;
- Mutual acknowledgment and promotion;
- Collaboration of VLab and COSPAR host institutions, and partner satellite agencies, in organizing capacity building events;
- Provision of mutual sponsorship of capacity building events (in-kind); and,
- Exploration of further areas of partnership.

WMO and COSPAR collaborated on two important training events in the domain of space weather:

- COSPAR/WMO Workshop "Impact of Space Weather on Earth", 15-26 August 2016, Institute of Cosmophysical Research and Radio Wave Propagation (IKIR), Far Eastern Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences, Paratunka, Kamchatka, Russian Federation;
- COSPAR/WMO Space Weather Capacity Building Workshop, 17-28 September 2018, INPE, São José dos Campos, Brazil.

The Agreement was signed for an initial duration of three years, and was thereafter extended by three years which are now coming to their end. There is a strong will on our side to continue this successful collaboration, in line with WMO priorities and COSPAR objectives. I am therefore inviting COSPAR to renew the Memorandum of Understanding for a period of three years until 2021, as per provision 12 in the original Memorandum (Annex). I propose that this letter together with your confirmation below documents our agreement on this renewal.

Yours sincerely,



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Response from COSPAR:

On behalf of COSPAR, I confirm my agreement to renew the Memorandum of Understanding for a period of three years.



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