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INTERNATIONAL SAVA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

the World Meteorological Organization

and

the International Sava River Basin Commission

2022

The World Meteorological Organization, hereinafter referred to as "WMO", an intergovernmental organization having its seat at Geneva, Switzerland,

and

International Sava River Basin Commission, hereinafter referred to as "ISRBC", an international organization having its seat at Zagreb, Croatia,

jointly and individually referred to hereinafter as "the Parties" and "Party", respectively,

CONSIDERING

The *Convention of the World Meteorological Organization* dated 11 October 1947; The *Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin* dated 3 December 2002;

WHEREAS,

WMO is a specialized agency of the United Nations, recognized as such since 1951 through the *Agreement between the United Nations and the World Meteorological Organization*, first established in 1950, having originated from the International Meteorological Organization founded in 1873;

WMO is the United Nations system's authoritative voice on the state and behaviour of the Earth's atmosphere, its interaction with the oceans, the climate it produces and the resulting distribution of water resources;

ISRBC is the international intergovernmental organization whose mandate is based on the *Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin* and mission is to improve cooperation in the field of integrated water management, navigation and cross-cutting activities that link water management and navigation with climate change adaptation, through innovative partnerships and stakeholder involvement aimed at inspiring sustainable economic growth and cooperation in the Sava River Basin;

The desire of the Parties to extend their cooperation and joint activities in the fields of water, climate, weather and environment, leading to synergies that will benefit hydrometeorological community regionally in Europe and globally, in particular by:

- Planning and implementation of co-operative projects, initiatives, and consultations;
- Exchange of knowledge, good practices, including on scientific, research, development project deliverables to leverage synergies and amplify relationship between organizations;
- Jointly work together in promoting data and information sharing among regional Member States, and at a global scale, including Policy on the Exchange of Hydrological and Meteorological Data and Information in the Sava River Basin;
- Reciprocal representation of the WMO and the ISRBC at meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other Party has an interest;
- Collaboration in mutually agreed activities relating to capacity building, communication campaigns, including advocacy that improves understanding of weather, water, climate, and related environmental matters, and motivate policy actions on sustainable development priorities;
- Other mutually agreed forms of cooperation.

That some of the activities carried out by one Party in pursuing its objectives may be of interest to the other Party, or benefit from a contribution by the other Party;

The interest of the Parties in, and the results of the cooperation under, this Memorandum of Understanding will be made available to the Member States of the Parties and to the international community at large;

The desire of the Parties to create a framework to ensure, on a long-term basis, the consultation, exchange of information and coordination required for the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Memorandum of Understanding, hereinafter referred to as "MoU", constitutes the framework within which the Parties will, on the basis of reciprocity, develop cooperation in fields related to their mandates.
2. With due regard to their respective competencies, institutional settings and operational frameworks, the Parties will inform and consult with each other, as appropriate, on issues of mutual interest, in particular, on scientific, technological, regulatory and development issues in which cooperation may foster the purposes of the Parties.
3. Where issues of mutual interest are identified and the Parties consider that they may profit from cooperation and resulting synergies, the Parties will define an appropriate structure for the planning, execution and monitoring of their cooperation, as well as for the dissemination of results. Such technical arrangements may take the form of written agreements under the umbrella of this MoU.
4. The Parties will exchange their publications concerning issues of common interest and related fields.
5. Appropriate arrangements may be made by agreement from time to time for reciprocal representation of ISRBC and WMO at meetings convened under their respective auspices which consider matters in which the other Party may have an interest.
6. The Parties will meet at least annually to take stock of progress and identify possible new areas of cooperation.
7. Each Party will appoint a Representative who will coordinate relations with the other Party, including between technical experts of the Parties, and who will keep the head of their organization informed. Any change of Representative will be communicated in writing to the other Party.

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| <p>Representative of WMO</p> | <p>Representative of ISRBC</p> |

8. Any use by either Party of the other Party's name, emblem or logo will only be made with the prior written approval of that other Party.
9. All activities under this MoU will be subject to availability of funding of the Parties and is not intended to be legally binding. The activities are to be conducted on a no-exchange of funds basis, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties in writing.
10. The Parties will settle between them any question of interpretation or difference concerning this MoU.
11. Nothing contained in this MoU will constitute or be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities enjoyed by WMO and ISRBC.
12. This MoU will enter into force on the date of its signature by the Parties, it being understood that where it is subject to approval or ratification, it will enter into force on the date on which the Party concerned has given written notification to the other Party that approval or ratification has taken place.
13. This MoU may be amended at any time. Any such amendment will be agreed by mutual consent and will be effected by an exchange of letters.
14. This MoU may be terminated at any time by mutual written agreement of the Parties. Furthermore, the MoU may be terminated by either Party at its sole discretion with at least ninety (90) days prior notice, in writing, to the other Party.
15. This MoU will remain in force for an initial period of five (5) years and will thereafter be renewed automatically, each time for a new period of five (5) years, unless a written notice of termination is given by one of the Parties to the other at least six (6) months prior to the renewal date, or the Parties have agreed on its termination or on its renewal by another period.

Done in duplicate in the English language.

Signed on behalf of the
World Meteorological Organization

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International Sava River Basin Commission