

## AGREEMENT

Between

**THE FEDERAL SERVICE FOR HYDROMETEOROLOGY AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**  
and

**THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION**  
on

**Establishment of the International Data Centre on  
Hydrology of Lakes and Reservoirs – HYDROLARE**

Whereas this Agreement between the Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring (hereinafter referred to as ROSHYDROMET) and the World Meteorological Organization (hereinafter referred to as WMO) on the Establishment of the International Data Centre on Hydrology of Lakes and Reservoirs (hereinafter referred to as Agreement) pertains to the Convention of the World Meteorological Organization of 1947 and the Russian Federation's rights and duties as a member-state of the WMO;

Whereas ROSHYDROMET and WMO (further named as "the Parties" collectively, or "Party" individually) want to enhance fruitful co-operation between the Parties and also to reach targets that are of common interest;

Whereas WMO co-ordinates and promotes global operational and scientific activities to allow increasingly prompt and accurate information services concerning weather, climate and water resources for public, private and commercial use, and in particular, that activities of WMO in hydrology and water resources are designed, among others, to monitor and assess water resources in support of integrated water resources management, to support global and regional water cycle assessments and climate monitoring, and to prevent hydrological disasters;

Whereas ROSHYDROMET bears the duties on national level to collect, analyze, interpret and disseminate all data and information on the hydrology of surface water bodies of the Russian Federation, including the hydrology of lakes and reservoirs;

Whereas the WMO Executive Council recognised at its 54<sup>th</sup> session in June 2002 the urgent need for hydrological data on lakes and reservoirs on a global scale for water resources assessment and climate research;

Whereas the Russian Federation at the 56<sup>th</sup> session of the WMO Executive Council (Geneva, June 2004) proposed to establish a Global Data Centre on Hydrology of Lakes and Reservoirs to be based at the State Hydrological Institute (SHI) in St. Petersburg (Russian Federation), and further the recommendation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the Global Terrestrial Network – Hydrology coordination panel meeting (Koblentz, July 2005) as well as the recommendation of the GCOS/GTOS Terrestrial Observation Panel for Climate related to the establishment of an international data centre for lake and reservoir data;

The Parties concur as follows:

## Article I

### PURPOSE

1. ROSHYDROMET establishes the *International Data Centre on the Hydrology of Lakes and Reservoirs* (hereinafter referred to as HYDROLARE) at the State Hydrological Institute in St. Petersburg which has a track record on international co-operation projects and activities related to the hydrology of lakes and reservoirs.
2. HYDROLARE operates under the auspices of WMO following the recommendations made by the constituent bodies of WMO with regard to further development and activities of HYDROLARE to support relevant programmes of WMO.

## Article II

### SCOPE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. HYDROLARE's principal objectives are to establish, develop and regularly update the international database on the hydrological regimes of lakes and reservoirs in order to:
  - stimulate the development of the global monitoring system of lakes and reservoirs for rational use, preservation and management of their water resources;
  - improve the knowledge of lateral fluxes transformation within lakes and reservoirs;
  - supply data for scientific and educational purposes, modelling, development of different global and regional projects/programmes.
2. HYDROLARE operates under the administration of the State Hydrological Institute and ROSHYDROMET, which provides funds and facilities for HYDROLARE functioning under the guidance of the *International Steering Committee for HYDROLARE*.
3. HYDROLARE consults regularly with WMO with regard to matters of common interest so as to ensure an operational and research work in the field of assessment and management of water resources in lakes and reservoirs, as well as weather and climate-related aspects, including climate-related variability of the regime of lakes and reservoirs, and issues related to the water cycle. HYDROLARE and WMO inform each other of their relevant programmes of work and projected activities which might be of mutual interest, and exchange of documentation and publications concerning these and related fields.
4. The Parties co-ordinate its activity related to HYDROLARE development and operation. Specific activities are carried out according to the evolving needs that to be defined by the Parties and in compliance with recommendations and decisions adopted by the *International Steering Committee for HYDROLARE*.

5. HYDROLARE cooperates with national and international partner institutions on the advice of WMO and/or the International Steering Committee for HYDROLARE.

6. HYDROLARE provides both the WMO and the International Steering Committee for HYDROLARE with information regarding its work and progress in achieving the set targets and tasks on regular basis.

7. The WMO may provide financial support for HYDROLARE, within its budgetary and resources limitations, which is consistent with the resolutions and decisions of WMO Congress, the WMO Executive Council and financial regulations of WMO with the understanding that no financial support can be claimed by HYDROLARE from WMO.

8. WMO may decide to withdraw its recognition of HYDROLARE as operating under the auspices of WMO upon non-fulfilment by ROSHYDROMET of the functions of HYDROLARE set by the Parties, or upon its non-observance of the basic conditions and obligations contained in this Agreement after duly conducted consultations between the Parties.

### Article III

## INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The data and information provided to HYDROLARE by WMO members-states continues to belong to the providers of such data and information. In the event that HYDROLARE ceases its operation or its cooperation with WMO, ROSHYDROMET makes adequate provisions to transfer all information held by HYDROLARE - most notably electronic information archives and data holdings - to a successor institution.

### Article IV

## SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

Any disputes between the Parties concerning interpretation or implementation of this agreement shall be resolved through discussions by the Parties.

### Article V

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Agreement comes into effect on the day of signing and will remain in effect for a period of five years. The Agreement will be renewed automatically for additional five-year periods upon expiration, unless either Party gives notice of termination in writing to the other Party at least six months prior to the expiration of the first or any subsequent five-year period.

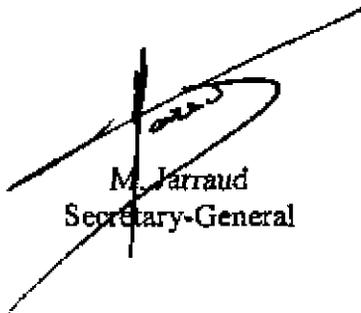
2. This Agreement may be amended at any time with the written consent of the Parties.

3. Termination of this Agreement will not affect implementation of any activity undertaken under this Agreement which is already in progress and not completed by the time of termination unless otherwise concurred by the Parties.

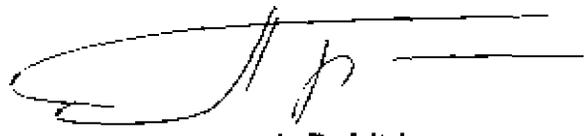
DONE at Geneva, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008, in duplicate in English and Russian languages, both texts are equally authentic.

For  
The World Meteorological Organization

For  
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