



RESOLUTION 21 (Cg-XII, 1995)

GLOBAL RUNOFF DATA CENTRE (GRDC)

THE CONGRESS,

NOTING:

- (1) That the GRDC has its origins in support to the WCRP and to studies of large-scale hydrological processes,
- (2) The generous support that has been provided by Germany over many years for the establishment and maintenance of the Centre,
- (3) That the GRDC is now widely-recognized as the principal source of global data on river flows, providing an effective service to an increasing range of users,
- (4) That the Centre already cooperates in a number of major international projects,
- (5) That through its Resolution 11 (EC-XLV) - Report of the ninth session of the Commission for Hydrology, the Executive Council had approved Recommendation 2 (CHy-IX) - Support to global data centres,

CONSIDERING:

- (1) That new and increased demands are now being put on the Centre, in particular in relation to the global assessment of the world's water resources requested by the second session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (1994), the need for a global data centre in relation to WHYCOS, and for various climate studies,
- (2) That the Centre will need considerably more resources if it is to meet these new demands effectively,

RECOGNIZING that the GRDC is a major component of WMO's HWRP, serving also the WCRP and other programmes of the Organization,

ENCOURAGES Members:

- (1) To support the GRDC through the provision of the hydrological data and related information that it needs, including through the regional components of WHYCOS;
- (2) To consider also providing support to the Centre in the form of staff, funding, and other resources;

REQUESTS the president of the Commission for Hydrology to ensure that the Commission provides the GRDC with the scientific and technical advice that it requires;

REQUESTS the Secretary-General:

- (1) To invite other international organizations to cooperate with the GRDC, to make use of the services that it offers and to contribute both data and other resources in support of its operations;
- (2) To provide all possible support to the GRDC from available resources and to seek additional resources for this purpose from external sources.