

SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS
(arising from ScC-SC2)

CONCERTED ACTIONS
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GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT

The Scientific Council supports the proposed consolidation and amendments proposed by the Secretariat, including the *Guidelines to the to the implementation of the Concerted Actions process* and the *Template for proposing Concerted Actions* to be annexed to the resolution.

COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION

Pages 10-12, several paragraphs

- In several paragraphs of the proposed *Guidelines to the to the implementation of the Concerted Actions process*, the expression “Scientific Council / Sessional Committee” is used.

While it is understood that the expression was used to cover the possibility of a given function to be undertaken by meetings of either the entire Scientific Council or the Sessional Committee, considering that the Sessional Committee has the authority to operate on behalf of the entire Scientific Council, with a view to limit the risk of confusion it is recommended to replace the expression “Scientific Council / Sessional Committee” with the expression “Scientific Council” throughout the *Guidelines*.

Page 21, Draft Decision 12.AA

- In relation to the tasks assigned to the Scientific Council with paragraphs a) and b) of the draft Decision, the Scientific Council notes that no time frame is specified to deliver its recommendations to COP.
- The Scientific Council proposes to undertake the tasks and deliver its recommendations by the time of COP13, and to reflect this in the draft Decision as follows (new text underlined):
By COP13, the Scientific Council shall:

RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12

Adopt the consolidated resolution, including the Guidelines and Template, and the draft decisions, with the proposed revision.