Revised Guidelines for Programme Planning Groups (PPGs)
Executive Summary

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**Introduction/ Background:** Scientific Research Programmes (SRPs) are major, international scientific initiatives coordinated by SCAR, either alone or jointly with other international research bodies. SRPs address scientific questions that require sustained efforts of 6 to 8 years and represent SCAR’s highest level of investment in science. SRPs address transformative scientific issues of global or fundamental importance, at the frontiers of science that require substantial field-work and/or observations in or from the Antarctic or Southern Ocean to be successful.

SRPs are developed and proposed by Programme Planning Groups (PPGs) fostered by one or more of SCAR’s Standing Scientific Groups (SSGs).

This document outlines the process and timeline for approval of new SRPs.

**Recommendations/Actions and Justification:** EXCOM are asked to approve the revised guidelines for PPGs, recommending modifications as appropriate.

**Expected Benefits/Outcomes:** An improved and clearer pathway for approval of new SCAR SRPs