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## **CLIMATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE**

### **Statement of Task**

The purpose of the Climate Research Committee is to foster atmospheric, oceanic, and related research aimed at advancing knowledge and understanding of the physical basis of climate and climate change. In pursuit of its objective, the committee:

1. provides advice to government agencies on matters pertaining to scientific aspects of climate and climate change;
2. serves as the U.S. National Committee for the world Climate Research Programme (WCRP) of the World Meteorological Organization and the International Council of Scientific Unions, and maintains liaison with the WCRP in developing and sustaining an international program of climate research;
3. in research matters involving the oceans, the biosphere, and the cryosphere, maintains coordination with the relevant National Research Council entities and other groups with planning and oversight responsibilities;
4. takes initiatives, as required, to promote progress in climate research; in particular, organizes meetings and workshops and prepares reports and planning documents; and
5. keeps the officers of its parent organization, the Board on Atmospheric Sciences and Climate, informed of any major actions being considered including actions related to the WCRP.