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Introduction

1. This is the thirtieth Annual Report of the ACMSF and covers the calendar year 2021. The aim of this report is to provide a brief background to the Committees' decisions. Those seeking further information on a particular subject can obtain details from the discussion papers and minutes, available from the [Committee's website](#) or ACMSF Secretariat.

2. The various issues addressed by the Committee since its inception are detailed in this and [previous Annual Reports](#) and in a series of [subject-specific reports](#).

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