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IOC Officers

cc. : Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States

Subject : **Third Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWS-III), Bali, Indonesia, 31 July – 2 August 2006**

The IOC Twenty-third Assembly decided, by Resolution XXIII-12, to create the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (IOTWS) and to establish an Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the IOTWS (ICG/IOTWS). In this connection, I am pleased to invite you to nominate a delegation to attend the Third Session of the ICG/IOTWS in Bali, Indonesia, 31 July to 2 August 2006, hosted by the Government of Indonesia. Please communicate the names and position of your representatives to the Executive Secretary of the IOC, Mr Patricio Bernal, and also send it by email to Ms Jane Cunneen at j.cunneen@unesco.org and Ms Forest Collins at f.collins@unesco.org, no later than 27 June 2006. Alternatively, you may register directly on the website at <http://ioc3.unesco.org/indotsunami/icg-iii>. This website will be functional later this week.

As discussed at the First Session of the ICG/IOTWS, participants should attempt to secure their own financial support to attend this session.

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I wish to remind you that IOC Resolution XXIII-12, stipulated that the membership of the ICG/IOTWS should consist of:

- Member States of the IOC within and bordering the Indian Ocean;
- Observers from other IOC Member States;
- Invited observers from other organizations (including NGOs), programmes and projects in accordance with the IOC rules and procedures.

The meeting agenda is technical in nature and delegates should be prepared to participate in the technical discussions. A copy of the tentative agenda and provisional timetable is appended to this invitation.

Online registration form, venue and other details, as well as general information about the meeting location will be made available at <http://ioc3.unesco.org/indotsunami/icg-iii>.

The working language of the meeting will be English. The First Session provided simultaneous French translation but it was not utilized. As such, a decision was made to operate only in English at future sessions of the ICG/IOTWS. The UNESCO/IOC web site <http://ioc.unesco.org/indotsunami> on the Early Warning System Development will be updated constantly and will also provide documentation and participant information for the meeting.

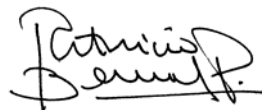
I would also like to remind UNESCO/IOC Member States in the Indian Ocean of the agreement reached during the Paris meeting, i.e. to nominate in each country, at the latest by 1 April 2005, their official "round-the-clock" (24/7) contact information (prime and alternate) for receiving tsunami advisory information from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) and the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA). These ICG Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFP) are defined as follows:

ICG Tsunami Warning Focal Point (TWFP)

7x24 contact person, or other official point of contact or address, designated by an ICG Member State government for rapidly receiving and issuing tsunami event information (such as warnings). The Tsunami Warning Focal Point has the responsibility of notifying the emergency authority (civil defence or other designated agency responsible for public safety) of the event characteristics (earthquake and/or tsunami), in accordance with the procedures of the Tsunami Response Plan. The Tsunami Warning Focal Point receives international tsunami warnings from the PTWC, NWPTAC, or other regional warning centres.

With the assurances of my highest consideration, I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Patricio Bernal
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