IOC Circular Letter No. 2501
(Application in English only)

To: Chairperson of TOWS-WG
Chairpersons of ICG/CARIBE-EWS, ICG/IOTWS, ICG/NEAMTWS, ICG/PTWS
Chairpersons of GOOS, JCOMM and IODE
Chairman of the IOC/ICAM Expert Group on Coastal Hazards
Tsunami National Contact Chile
Tsunami National Contact United States of America
Organizations cooperating with UNESCO/IOC in the field of tsunami warning systems:
CTBTO, FDSN/GEOS, GEBCO, IHO, UN/ISDR, WMO

cc: IOC Officers
Chairpersons of Inter-ICG Task Teams
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO and National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States

Subject: Seventh Meeting of the Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards related to Sea Level Warning and Mitigation Systems (TOWS-WG-VII), 12-13 February 2014, Paris, France

Through Resolution XXIV-14 the IOC Assembly at its 24th Session decided on the establishment of a Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards Related to Sea-Level Warning and Mitigation Systems (TOWS-WG), tasked primarily to advise the IOC Governing Bodies on coordinated development and implementation activities on warning and mitigation systems for tsunamis and other hazards related to sea level of common priority to all Intergovernmental Coordination Groups on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation Systems (ICG/TWSs).

The IOC Assembly, by its Decision IOC-XXVII/Dec.5.2.2 on the Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning Systems, recognized and reaffirmed the support for continued inter-ICG coordination through TOWS including the work of the three inter-ICG task teams on:

- Disaster Management and Preparedness
- Tsunami Watch Operations
- Hazard Assessment Related to Highest Potential Tsunami Source Areas

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The Task Teams above are requested to deliver their reports to the seventh meeting of the TOWS-WG. TOWS-WG is expected to report to the IOC Executive Council at its 47th Session (30 June–3 July 2014).

The meeting will be held in room XIV, Miollis building, UNESCO Headquarters. Further information and documents will be posted to the meeting web site.

You are invited to communicate your availability to attend or to send a representative to TOWS-WG-7 by 20 January 2014 to the IOC Secretariat (s.sermen@unesco.org and cc: t.aarup@unesco.org).

With the assurances of my highest consideration, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Enclosure: - Provisional Agenda
- TOWS-WG-VII (12–13 February 2014) webpage
Seventh Meeting of the Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards related to Sea Level Warning and Mitigation Systems (TOWS-WG-VII)

12–13 February 2014, Paris, France

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5. OTHER ISSUES

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