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To: IOC National Official Coordinating Bodies for liaison with IOC Member States

cc.: Permanent Delegates / Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States Chair
Vice-Chairs of IOC and Major Subsidiary Bodies

Subject: Invitation to financially support the production of the IOC Global Ocean Science Report (GOSR)

In pursuance to Decision EC-XLVII/Dec.6.2 by which the IOC Executive Council at its 47th session (Paris, 1–4 July 2014) accepted the new Global Ocean Science Report proposal (IOC/EC-XLVII/2 Annex 8) improved first by the recommendations of the Open-ended Intersessional Working Group and second by discussions that took place during the session, I invite IOC Member States to assess precisely their possibilities to financially support this important project and commit extrabudgetary funds by letter to the secretariat as early as possible before 15 January 2015. The timeline and detail of the financial plan for the GOSR for 2014–2016, totaling approximately US$ 730 000, is available in the proposal document.

Dr Luis Valdés, Head of Ocean Sciences Section, acts as the focal point of the project and leads the technical support by the secretariat. Donors of extra-budgetary contributions are now vital to the production and the publication of the Global Ocean Science Report and the presentation of the final draft to the Executive Council at its 49th session in 2016. In the meantime developments and supports will be reported to and acknowledged at the IOC Assembly in 2015.

Vice-Chairman Atanas Palazov, as past Chair of the Open-ended Intersessional Working Group to further review and improve the Global Ocean Science Report (GOSR) proposal, and myself would very much appreciate receiving letters of support and detail of your financial contributions by electronic copy to palazov@io-bas.bg, w.watson-wright@unesco.org and jl.valdes@unesco.org.
Your participation in the project and your financial commitment to it are essential. The secretariat will be greatly appreciative of your support.

[signed]

Wendy Watson-Wright
Executive Secretary

Enclosure: Decision EC-XLVII/6.2

IOC/EC-XLVII/2 Annex 8: Reviewed Proposal of a Global Ocean Science Report
(Proposal document online)

Annex

EC-XLVII/Dec. 6.2

Proposal of a Global Ocean Science Report (GOSR)

The Executive Council,

Having examined document IOC/EC-XLVII/2 Annex 8,

Takes note and welcomes the report of the Chair of the Open-ended Intersessional Working Group to further review and improve the Global Ocean Science Report;

Recognizing IOC’s competencies and expertise to lead such a global report,

Accepts the new Global Ocean Science Report proposal and recommendations contained in the Report and those suggested by the Member States in the discussions of its 47th session;

Decides to approve the proposal for the Global Ocean Science Report, as amended in its 47th session;

Requests the Executive Secretary to facilitate the preparation of the Global Ocean Science Report, with a view to present the final draft of the Global Ocean Science Report to its 49th session; and

Calls upon Member States to increase their extra-budgetary contributions to IOC for the production and the publication of the Global Ocean Science Report.

Adopted by the IOC Executive Council at its 47th session (Paris, 1–4 July 2014) (Summary report IOC/EC-XLVII/3)