To: Registered Tsunami National Contacts (TNC) and Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFP) of the following countries: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, China (Peoples Republic of), Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam

cc.: Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with IOC
Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
National Commissions for UNESCO in IOC Member States
Directors of UNESCO and IOC Regional Offices in the Asia/Pacific Region
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Director, Pacific Tsunami Warning Center
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IOC Tsunami Unit

Subject: Eighth Meeting of the ICG/PTWS Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System in the South China Sea Region (ICG/PTWS-WG/SCS-VIII), Jakarta, Indonesia, 4–6 March 2019

The Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS) was first established by the IOC in 1965 as a cooperation mechanism for countries in the Pacific whose coastal areas were threatened by tsunamis. Through the ICG, Member States have designed and developed the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System and work together since to improve and sustain it. At its 27th session on 28–31 March 2017, the ICG/PTWS decided to continue the Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System in the South China Sea Region under the chairship of Mr Chan Sai-Tick (China).

In this context, I am pleased to inform you that the Eighth Meeting of the ICG/PTWS Regional Working Group on Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System in the South China Sea Region (ICG/PTWS-WG/SCS-VIII) will be hosted by the Meteorological Climatological and Geophysical Agency (BMKG) in Jakarta, Indonesia from 4 to 6 March 2019.
Please register for the meeting in communicating the names and positions of your representative(s) by email to Mr Bernardo Aliaga, ICG/PTWS Technical Secretary (b.aliaga@unesco.org) by 1st February 2019.

The Provisional Agenda for the meeting and information note for participants attached hereto have been prepared by the Chairperson of the working group in coordination with the Secretariat.

All information regarding this meeting, including the documentation and presentations as well as the list of participants, will be made available at the meeting webpage: www.ioc-tsunami.org/PTWS-WG-SCS-VIII.

Accommodation: Holiday inn Jakarta has rooms at negotiated rate for the participants at Rp 930,000 (USD 66). To book at this hotel please contact:

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Transportation: A free airport/hotel/airport transportation service for the participants will be provided by BMKG. To benefit from this service you have to send your itinerary to Ms Suci Dewi Anugrah suci.anugrah@bmkg.go.id, cc Ms Lily Charles from the IOC Tsunami Unit l.charles@unesco.org. A free daily shuttle between the hotel and the meeting venue will be provided.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary

Enclosures (2):
Provisional Agenda
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND OPENING

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION
   2.1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
   2.2. DESIGNATION OF RAPPORTEUR
   2.3. CONDUCT OF THE SESSION, TIMETABLE AND DOCUMENTATION

3. REVIEW OF DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS ARISING FROM ICG/PTWS WG-SCS-VII MEETING

4. REPORTS
   4.1. NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS
   4.2. REPORT FROM NWPTAC
   4.3. REPORT FROM SCSTAC TRIAL OPERATION
   4.4. REPORT OF SCS REGIONAL TRAINING IN 2018
   4.5. REPORTS FROM SCSTAC INTERNATIONAL STAFF
   4.6. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

5. SEISMIC AND SEA LEVEL CORE STATIONS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA REGION FOR FURTHER ENHANCING TSUNAMI WARNING CAPABILITY

6. PALU EARTHQUAKE AND TSUNAMI ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2018: POST-DISASTER SURVEY, LESSONS LEARNED AND IMPENDING TASKS

7. REPORT ON PACWAVE18 EXERCISE IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA REGION

8. CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA REGIONS IN 2019–2020

9. NEXT MEETING

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11. SUMMARY OF DECISIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS

12. CLOSE OF MEETING
INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

HOTEL AND VENUE:
BMKG has pre-reserved a block of 15 rooms from 5 to 7 March 2018 at the Holiday Inn Hotel (please see below) at a rate of Rp 930,000 Indonesian Rupies (~USD66)/night with all taxes included. You are kindly asked to make your own booking using the contact details provided below.

The hotel is just 1 km from Jakarta International Expo (JIEXPO), 1.8 km from Kemayoran toll gate providing easy access to Jakarta Soekarno - Hatta International Airport and connected directly to Food Centrum Mall. To book your room please contact:

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TRANSPORTATION:
BMKG has kindly agreed to provide transportation services at the airport upon your arrival. Please send Ms Lily Charles (l.Charles@unesco.org) and Ms Suci Dewi Anugrah (suci.anugrah@bmkg.go.id) your flight number and itinerary information to arrange pickup service on arrival.

OTHERS:
Temperatures may range from 24°C to 30°C and relative humidity is between 60–80% during the meeting in Jakarta, so appropriate clothing should be brought along. The voltage in Indonesia is 220 V.