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cc.: The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission
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Subject: 8th June: World Oceans Day activities

Sir/Madam,

At the 41st session of the IOC Executive Council several Member States emphasized the importance of having an official World Oceans Day which could be used to bring international attention to the IOC.

By means of this letter I am pleased to inform you that the United Nations General Assembly through its resolution 63/111, adopted on 5 December 2008, designated the 8th of June as World Oceans Day, as from 2009.

I invite you to consider events which can be organized to celebrate World Oceans Day in your countries or regions. Please keep us informed of your efforts and use this opportunity for promoting the IOC mission, objectives and activities. Information about the events implemented during the World Oceans Day should be sent to the IOC Headquarters to the attention of Ms Catalina Matogo Oyana (c-matogo-oyana@unesco.org).

Sincerely yours,

[signed]

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