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cc: IOC Officers
Chairpersons of Inter-ICG Task Teams,

Subject: Third Meeting of the Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards related to Sea Level Warning and Mitigation Systems (TOWS-WG), 5-6 May 2010, Lisbon, Portugal

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 co-ordinated 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).

IOC Resolution XXV-13 on the Global Coordination of Early Warning and Mitigation Systems for Tsunamis and Other Sea-Level Related Hazards recognized and reaffirmed the need for and the benefits from enhanced coordination, common requirements, and exchange of information and knowledge among the ICGs and to this end established three inter-ICG task teams on:

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The Task Teams above are requested to report progress to the third meeting of the TOWS-WG. TOWS-WG is expected to report to the IOC Executive Council at its 43rd Session on Friday, 11 June under agenda item 6.1.

Details of the venue and information on hotel reservations as well as general information about the meeting location will be posted at http://www.ioc-unesco.org/tows3.

You are invited to communicate your availability to attend or to send a representative to TOWS-WG-3 by 5th April 2010 to the IOC Secretariat (Ms Forest Collins: f.collins@unesco.org).

With the assurances of my highest consideration, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

[signed]

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Executive Secretary, IOC

Attachments: Provisional Agenda
Third Meeting of the Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards related to Sea Level Warning and Mitigation Systems (TOWS-WG), 5-6 May 2010, Lisbon, Portugal (TOWS-WG-3)

Lisbon, Portugal

5-6, May 2010

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1 OPENING AND WELCOME
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3 REVIEW OF PROGRESS
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   3.2 REVIEW OF DRAFT WITH DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY ON HAZARDS, DISASTERS, VULNERABILITY AND RISKS (Required by EC XLIII)
   3.3 REVIEW OF THE IOC OCEANOGRAPHIC DATA EXCHANGE POLICY - IOC RES. XXII-6 (Required by IOC Assembly XXVI)
   3.4 REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TSUNAMETER PARTNERSHIP AND THE DBCP, IN COORDINATION WITH JCOMM, ON OCEAN OBSERVING PLATFORM VANDALISM

4 REPORTS OF THE INTER-ICG TASK TEAMS

5 DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING