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**Subject : Appointment of the Head of Secretariat of the Intergovernmental  
Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and  
Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS)**

I am pleased to inform you that the recruitment process for the Head of the Secretariat for the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS) has been successful. After careful consideration, Mr Rick Bailey of Australia has been selected for this position. Mr Bailey's assignment starts on 16 August 2021.

Mr Bailey is well known to the tsunami community through his active engagement with ICG/IOTWMS since its establishment in 2005. First as Project Director, Australian Tsunami Warning System (2005–2009), and then as Head, Tsunami Warning & Ocean Services (2010–2017), both within the Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BOM). He made substantial contributions to the regional tsunami programme as Chair of the ICG/IOTWMS between 2010 and 2015.

I would like to extend my profound thanks to Ms Nora Gale who has acted as interim head throughout the recruitment process and will continue to support the ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat activities.

On behalf of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, I thank you for your ongoing involvement with the IOTWMS.

Yours sincerely,

*[signed]*

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