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### **DRAFT PROVISIONAL ACTION PAPER**

This Revised Action Paper provides the information necessary for effective participation in the discussion of the agenda items. This information includes: (i) identification of relevant documentation; (ii) identification, under each substantive agenda item, of the issue before the Executive Council and the expected decision or draft resolution, when available to date; (iii) background information.

This Action Paper also provides the basis for the draft summary report of the session and is therefore written in the past tense. A summary of the discussion under each agenda item will be prepared by the Secretariat and the Rapporteur and will complete the draft summary report. Draft decisions and resolutions are proposed in the document in order to assist decision-making by focusing the discussion.



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## 1. OPENING

1. The Chair, Mr Ariel Hernan Troisi, opened the 55th session of the IOC Executive Council at \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The representatives of \_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

### 2.1 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA [Rule of Procedure 8]

<u>Working documents:</u>	IOC/EC-55/21.Doc	Provisional Agenda
	IOC/EC-55/21.Doc Add.	Provisional Timetable
	IOC/EC-55/AP	Provisional Action Paper
<u>References:</u>	IOC-31/3	Summary Report of the Thirty-first session of the IOC Assembly, Paris, 14–25 June 2021
	IOC/EC-53/SR	Summary Report of the Fifty-third session of the IOC Executive Council, online, 3–9 February 2021

3. The Chair reminded that the agenda of the Council,

#### Dec. EC-55/2(I)

The Executive Council,

#### **I. Agenda**

1. Adopts the agenda and the timetable of work as set out in documents IOC/EC-55/2.1.Doc [with the following additional modifications:]

4. The representatives of \_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2.2 DESIGNATION OF THE RAPPORTEUR [Rule of Procedure 25.4]

#### Dec. EC-55/2(II)

#### **II. Rapporteur**

2. On a proposal of [country], seconded by [countries],
3. Designates \_\_\_\_\_ of [country from electoral group ] Rapporteur for its present

session to assist the Chairperson and the Executive Secretary in the preparation of the draft provisional report of the session;

2.3 ESTABLISHMENT OF SESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS  
[Rule of Procedure 12]

5. The Chair invited the Executive Council to form two sessional committees, the Resolutions Committee and the Financial Committee, and invited proposals for sessional working groups. *[Member States were invited to express their interest to participate in the sessional committees in advance of the session. Similarly, the need for working/drafting groups during the session were not encouraged but were assessed carefully by the Officers. The lists of participating Member States in the committees were to be published in the report.]*

Dec. EC-55/2(III)

**III. Sessional Committees and Working Groups**

4. Establishes the following sessional open-ended committees and \_\_\_ working groups and referred to them the following agenda items and responsibilities:

*Financial Committee:* to finalise a resolution under items 4.1 and 4.2; under the chairship of Dr Karim Hilmi (Morocco, Vice-chair) with the following Member States participating: \_\_\_\_\_. Ms Ksenia Yvinec provided the Secretariat support to the Financial Committee.

*Resolutions Committee:* to report on all draft resolutions duly presented for consideration at the session by \_\_\_ June and on the draft resolution covering financial matters drafted during the session; under the chairship of \_\_\_\_\_ (country) with the following Member States participating: \_\_\_\_\_. Julian Barbière provided the Secretariat support to the Resolutions Committee.

5. Establishes also \_\_\_ sessional working groups on: **If no working groups anticipated by the Officers' meeting, the sentence will be deleted-**

2.4 INTRODUCTION OF TIMETABLE AND DOCUMENTATION  
[Rule of Procedure 11]

<u>Working documents:</u>	IOC/EC-55/DocList	Provisional List of Documents
<u>Information:</u>	IOC/EC-55/2.4.Inf.	Working arrangements for the session

6. The Executive Secretary introduced this item. He reminded that draft decisions were to be adopted at the end of the discussion of each agenda item. The Action Paper was intentionally drafted as a pre-report in order to streamline the reporting process during the session. The Executive Secretary noted that \_\_\_ draft resolutions were received before 9 June 2021 at 10:00 a.m. All draft resolutions were examined for adoption under agenda item 6. The complete set of adopted decisions and resolutions in all four languages would be made available at the end of the session, in line with the established UNESCO practices. The narrative part of the report will be drafted by the Secretariat during the session in English. The translation and the adoption of the report in four languages will be done by correspondence after the session. Member States that wished to have specific, particularly important, plenary interventions recorded, were invited to provide written records thereof using a dedicated template through an e-mail address ([iocgovbody@unesco.org](mailto:iocgovbody@unesco.org)) set up for this purpose.

No decision is proposed under this item. [Any changes to the timetable would be reflected in Dec. EC-53/2(II).]

7. The representatives of \_\_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 2.5 ROGER REVELLE MEMORIAL LECTURE

8. The Chairman will introduce this item.

### 3. IOC MATTERS AND REPORTS

- 3.1 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED SINCE THE THIRTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY AND ON BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION (JULY 2021–MAY 2022)  
[Rule of Procedure 49.1]

<u>Working documents:</u>	IOC/EC-55/31.Doc(1)	Report of the IOC Executive Secretary on the work accomplished since the Thirty-first session of the Assembly
	IOC/EC-55/31.Doc(2)	Report on 2020–2021 Budget Execution as at 31 December 2021 and outline of the 2022–2023 Integrated Budgetary Framework
	IOC/EC-55/31.Doc(3)	Financial situation of the IOC Special Account as at year end 2021 and forecast for 2022
	IOC/INF- [redacted]	Report of the first meeting of the IODE Steering Group for the IOC Ocean Data and Information System (ODIS) [provisional]
<u>Reports</u>	IOC/IWG-DATAPOLICY- [redacted]	Report of the first meeting of the IOC inter-sessional working group on the Revision of the IOC Oceanographic Data Exchange Policy [provisional]

9. The Executive Secretary introduced this item using a PowerPoint presentation.
10. Regarding IOC Decision A-31/3.4.2 (International Oceanographic Data and Information Exchange) the Executive Secretary reported that (i) the ODIS Project has continued its development as a pilot activity under the Ocean InfoHub project throughout 2021. A first session of the IODE Steering Group for the IOC Ocean Data and Information System (ODIS) was planned to take place during the first trimester of 2022. (ii) the revision of the IOC Oceanographic Data Exchange Policy a 7-step process was proposed through [IOC Circular Letter 2864](#) (12 November 2021). A desk study has been implemented (report to be available by February 2022), and the IOC/IODE Secretariat invited (10 November 2021) all IOC programmes (global and regional) to designate, by 15 December 2021, representatives to the IOC inter-sessional working group on the Revision of the IOC Oceanographic Data Exchange Policy (IWG-DATAPOLICY). The first meeting of the IWG-DATAPOLICY was planned to be held Between March and May 2022, resulting in a first draft version of the new policy and (iii) for the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UNESCO/IOC and the Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ, Belgium) discussions on the new MoU were held on 23 November 2021. The new MoU was subsequently signed.

11. Regarding IOC Decision A-31/3.5.3 (Revision of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy), the third Session of the IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development was held as an online event on 1 and 2 December 2021, taking into account its revised terms of reference. The meeting shared information on the implementation of current IOC CD strategy by the IOC global and regional programmes with the view of better harmonization and expertise sharing, planned for the next CD needs assessment survey (2022-2023), considered capacity development within the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, and identified the next steps toward the revision of the IOC Capacity Development in 2022 and 2023.

12. In accordance with Decision A-31/3.5.4, the Secretariat distributed a circular letter to invite Member States to nominate suitable candidate members for the IOC Group of Experts (GoE) on Ocean Literacy. The proposed experts were included in a list of other potential members identified by the Secretariat. The final list of 20 members was selected according to the criteria mentioned in the Terms of Reference (Annex to Dec. A-31/3.5.4): geographical and gender balance, transdisciplinarity, and different parties balance to reflect the multi-stakeholder nature of ocean literacy. The Secretariat organized a first meeting of the GoE, in the second quarter of 2022, to elect its Chair and Vice-chair and to discuss the programme of work for the first year.

13.

Dec. EC-55/3.1

**Report of the Executive Secretary**

The Executive Council,

1. Having examined documents IOC/EC-55/31.Doc(1), IOC/EC-55/31.Doc(2) and IOC/EC-55/31.Doc(3) and \_\_\_ information documents on various programme documents,
2. Thanks the Executive Secretary for a very comprehensive report;
3. Takes note of the information provided, welcoming significant advances in many programmatic areas; and
4. Refers documents IOC/EC-55/31.Doc(2) and IOC/EC-55/31.Doc(3) to the sessional Financial Committee for further examination.

14. The representatives of \_\_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

3.2 INTERNAL OVERSIGHT SERVICE (IOS) EVALUATION OF THE STRATEGIC POSITIONING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC-UNESCO)  
[Resolution A-31/2(IV)]

<u>Working documents:</u>	IOC/EC-55/32.Doc(1)	Draft Interim Action Plan in response to the IOS Evaluation of the IOC strategic positioning
<u>Reference:</u>	<a href="#">212 EX/9</a>	<i>Internal Oversight Service (IOS) evaluation of the strategic positioning of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC-UNESCO)</i>
	<a href="#">IOS/EVS/PI/197</a>	<i>Evaluation of the strategic positioning of IOC-UNESCO</i>



15. The Executive Secretary introduced this item.

Dec. EC-55/3.2

**Internal Oversight Service Evaluation of the Strategic Positioning of IOC**

The Executive Council,

1. Taking note of the Draft Interim Action Plan in response to the IOS evaluation (212 EX/9, IOS evaluation report (IOS/EVS/PI/197) as presented in document IOC/EC-55/32.Doc(1),
2. Invites the Secretariat to reflect the discussions under this agenda item [or, if needed – and address the following specific points]) in preparing the final version of the Action Plan for consideration and adoption by the IOC Assembly.

16. The representatives of \_\_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

3.3 PRESENTATION OF THE PILOT *IOC STATE OF THE OCEAN REPORT*  
[IOC/EC-53/SR, Item 3.1; IOC-31/SR, Item 3.2]]

<u>Working documents:</u>	IOC/EC-55/33.Doc(1)	Pilot IOC State of the Ocean Report
<u>Reference:</u>	<a href="#">IOC/INF-1393 Rev.</a>	Revised Concept proposal for an 'IOC-coordinated State of the Ocean Report' (IOC StOR)

17. The Executive Secretary introduced the Pilot IOC State of the Ocean Report (StOR). The report represents a first stub and aims at stimulating feedback from IOC Member States on the definitive structure of the StOR as a summary of key changes in the state of the world ocean, based on essential variables, key findings of ocean research on emerging ocean issues, and a systematic assessment of developments regarding integrated ocean management. The Pilot IOC StOR was developed also considering the need for it to contribute to the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. It reflects the needs and views expressed by Member States following the related circular letter on an IOC StOR and benefits from the expert scoping and peer-reviews of experts in all of areas of the IOC Functions and geographic and gender balance.

Dec. EC-55/3.3

**IOC State of the Ocean Report**

The Executive Council,

1. Taking into account the needs and views of IOC Member States with regard to the value-added, contribution, contents and structure of an IOC State of the Ocean Report as compiled by the IOC Secretariat in response to the dedicated IOC Circular Letter issued on 28 May 2021 (IOC/INF-1393 Rev.),
2. Also taking into account the recommendations of the informal expert consultation on the possible scoping of an IOC State of the Ocean Report (IOC/INF-1393 Rev.),
3. Having considered the suggested contents and format of the Pilot *IOC State of the Ocean*

*Report* in IOC/EC-55/33.Doc(1),

4. Endorses the regular publication of the IOC State of the Ocean Report on the basis of the model provided by the Pilot Report;
5. Requests the Executive Secretary of IOC to coordinate the production of the Report on an annual basis;
6. Invites IOC Member States to provide extrabudgetary financial resources to the realization of the Report as per the typology of expenses presented in the Pilot *IOC State of the Ocean Report*;
7. Invites all scientific partners of the IOC to contribute to, and rely on the Report, to present their findings on the status and trends of our common ocean from the perspectives of ocean health and needed management interventions;
8. Calls upon the Executive Secretary to promote the findings on the *IOC State of the Ocean Report* through appropriate communication channels.

18. The representatives of \_\_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

3.4 OCEAN OBSERVATIONS IN AREAS UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION  
[Rules of Procedure 21.2C]

Working document: IOC/EC-55/34.Doc(1) TBC – same as report below or broader

Reports IOC Workshop Report

19. The Head of the IOC Ocean Observations Section introduced this item.

Dec. EC-55/3.4

**Ocean Observations in Areas under National Jurisdiction**

The Executive Council,

1. Considering \_\_\_\_\_
2. Calls on DOALOS and WMO to work together with IOC in solution spaces to support GOOS networks and national understanding and benefit from ocean observations;
3. Invites GOOS to propose awareness-raising and capacity building activities to help States realize the impacts and value of observations, to be implemented by IOC, with its other co-sponsors, and with DOALOS;
4. Decides to launch an intersessional consultation that might propose (in 2023 or later) the creation of an open consultation process of all Member States with goals to:
  - (i) Create mutually agreeable notification schemes for movement of observing platforms into EEZs for appropriate GOOS networks other than Argo; and
  - (ii) Explore the use of Article 247 of UNCLOS (“Marine scientific research projects

undertaken by or under the auspices of international organizations”), including exploring why it has not been used and suggest examples of potential use, possibly in pilots with appropriate GOOS networks.

20. The representatives of \_\_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

3.5 REPORTS OF IOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES  
[Rule of Procedure 48.3]

**3.5.1 Warning and Mitigation Systems for Ocean Hazards**

*3.5.1.1 Regional Early Warning Services*

<u>Working documents:</u>	IOC/EC-55/3511.Doc(1)	Executive summary of the 16 <sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE-EWS)
	IOC/EC-55/3511.Doc(2)	Executive summary of the inter-sessional session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS)
	IOC/EC-55/3511.Doc(3)	Executive summary of the 17th Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas (ICG/NEAMTWS)
	IOC/EC-55/3511.Doc(4)	Executive summary of the the 29th Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS)
<u>Reports</u>	ICG/CARIBE-EWS-XVI/3	Report of the 16 <sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE-EWS)
	ICG/IOTWMS-extr	Report of the inter-sessional session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS)
	ICG/NEAMTWS-XVII/3	Report of the 17th Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas (ICG/NEAMTWS)
	ICG/PTWS-XXIX/3	Report of the 29th Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for

	the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS)
<u>Information:</u>	ICG/NEAMTWS 2021–2030 Strategy (code to be produced by PBo)
<u>Reference:</u>	ICG/PTWS 2022–2030 Strategy (code to be produced by PBo)

21. The Chair of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions introduced this item.
22. Prof. Dwikorita Karnawati, Chair Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System introduced this item. She highlighted the meeting was held online as a result of travel restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There were over 100 participants from 19 Member States, including for the first time a large number of disaster managers. The meeting was held to provide progress reports on the work plans of the ICG and to prepare for a deferred 13<sup>th</sup> session of the ICG/IOTWMS in Bali, Indonesia in May 2022.
23. Prof. Dwikorita Karnawati reported the ICG has initiated work plans to begin addressing the issues raised in the 2020 report on Capacity Development of Tsunami Preparedness in the IOTWMS. On 10 November 2021 a webinar was held on “A Strategic Pathway for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System within the Context of UN Decade for Ocean Science” to identify opportunities to further develop the IOTWMS to deliver more timely and accurate tsunami warnings to 100% Tsunami Ready at-risk coastal communities. Challenges to be addressed include continuing issues with regards timely and open exchange of seismic and sea level data required for warnings, greater engagement of disaster management community in the work of the ICG/IOTWMS, maintaining community awareness and education, greater capacity development supporting SIDS and LDCs. It was decided to hold the next IOWAVE Exercise in 2023. Efforts continue to address the challenges of warning for atypical tsunami events.
24. Prof. Dwikorita Karnawati announced the extension of the Government of Indonesia (BMKG) and IOC-UNESCO agreement in support of the Indian Ocean Tsunami Information Centre (IOTIC) to enable it to continue its critical work on education and training. The Government of Australia has extended its support of the Secretariat Office of the ICG/IOTWMS. The UNESCAP funded project “Strengthening Tsunami Warning in the North West Indian Ocean through Regional Collaboration” has successfully completed Phase-1 and received funding and began Phase-2. Lessons learnt from that project are to be extended across the Indian Ocean, including maintaining effective national tsunami warning chains through revised training programmes on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for National Tsunami Warning Centres (NTWCs), Disaster Management Offices, and the broadcast media.
25. Prof. Dr Karnawati also reported on the results of the 13th session of the ICG/IOTWMS held in Bali, Indonesia in May 2022 *[tbc]*.
26. Prof. Maria Ana Baptista, Chair of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation System in the North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas (ICG/NEAMTWS) presented the report of the ICG/NEAMTWS. She informed that the 17th session of the ICG/NEAMTWS was held online between 24-26 November 2021.
27. Prof. Baptista highlighted the successful results of the fourth tsunami exercise for the region, NEAMWave21 conducted between 8-10 March 2021 and the major increase in media interest.
28. She reported on the continued national efforts in several countries to increase awareness on tsunami hazards and preparedness in line with and as contributions to the World Tsunami

Awareness Day, 5 November 2021, and the tsunami exercises conducted in France and Malta. A new Task Team on Tsunami Ready has been established. There is progress made by communities of Bouches-du-Rhône and Cannes (France); Kos (Greece); Israel; Minturno, Pachino, Palmi (Italy); Marsaxlokk (Malta); Azores, Cascais, Lagos, Lisboa, Madeira, Portimão, Setúbal (Portugal); Chipiona (Spain), Bodrum and Istanbul (Turkey) towards becoming Tsunami Ready and prepared.

29. She also reported on the support of the European Commission (EC) and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in capacity development, including infrastructure and research and new sea level instrumentation and provision of measurements, especially for the Last Mile Project Phase 2 implemented in Malta, and the support provided to the organisation of the first end-to-end tsunami exercise on 5 November 2021.
30. Prof Baptista announced the approval of a new European Union DG-ECHO project on “Strengthening the Resilience of Coastal Communities in the North-Eastern Atlantic, Mediterranean Region to the Impact of Tsunamis and Other Sea Level-Related Coastal Hazards”. The project is being implemented in seven countries.
31. She also reported on the study prepared by the Secretariat on Coastal Multi-Hazard Risk Perception, Resilience and Survey Questionnaires to contribute to the implementation of the new project concerning understanding and communication strategies of tsunami and other sea-level related risks.
32. She announced the target to establish at least ten Tsunami Ready recognized communities in Mediterranean countries in the next two years, contributing to making 100% of communities at risk of tsunami prepared for and resilient to tsunamis by 2030 through the implementation of the UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Programme and other initiatives.
33. She reported the publication of a new ICG/NEAMTWS 2021-2030 Strategy in line with the UN Ocean Science Decade for Sustainable Development and encouraged Member States and partners to contribute to its implementation.
34. Finally, Prof. Maria Ana Baptista informed the Assembly that the fifth regional tsunami exercise (NEAMWave23) will be conducted within the first week of November 2023.
35. The Chair of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System introduced this item.

### 3.5.1.2 Global Coordination of Warning and Mitigation Systems for Ocean Hazards

<u>Working document:</u>	IOC/EC-55/3512.Doc(1)	Executive summary of the 15th Session of the Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards related to Sea-Level Warning and Mitigation Systems (TOWS-WG)
<u>Reports</u>	IOC/TOWS-WG-XV/3	Report of the 15th Session of the Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards related to Sea-Level Warning and Mitigation Systems (TOWS-WG)
<u>Reference:</u>	IOC Manuals & Guides, 74	Standard Guidelines for the Tsunami Ready Recognition Program; Paris, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO

36. The Chair of the Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards related to Sea-Level Warning and Mitigation Systems introduced this item.

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**Warning and Mitigation Systems of Ocean Hazards**

The Executive Council,

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**Part I:**

**Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and other Coastal Hazards  
Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE EWS)**

2.

(TBC)

**Part II:**

**Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (IOTWMS)**

3. Notes with appreciation the development of work plans to address issues raised in the 2020 report on the Capacity Development of Tsunami Preparedness in the IOTWMS;
4. Also notes with appreciation the planning to utilise the Tsunami Programme of the UN Decade for Ocean Science to deliver more timely and accurate tsunami warnings to 100% Tsunami Ready at-risk coastal communities;
5. Further notes with appreciation the efforts to expand capacity development for SIDS and LDCs;
6. Notes the efforts continuing to address the challenges of warning for atypical tsunami events;
7. Notes with concern the continuing challenges with regards to timely and open exchange of seismic and sea level data for tsunami warning;
8. Congratulates IOTWMS Member States for the successful completion of Phase-1 of the UNESCAP funded project “Strengthening Tsunami Warning in the North West Indian Ocean through Regional Collaboration”;
9. Encourages Member States to promote the engagement of more disaster managers in the work of the ICG/IOTWMS, especially with regards to the widespread implementation of the Tsunami Ready Programme;
10. Welcomes the extension of the Government of Indonesia (BMKG) and IOC-UNESCO agreement in support of the Indian Ocean Tsunami Information Centre (IOTIC);
11. Also welcomes the extension of the Government of Australia support for the Secretariat Office of the ICG/IOTWMS;
12. Further welcomes the decision to organize and conduct the next Indian Ocean Wave Exercise in 2023 (IOWave23);

**Part III:**

**North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean  
and Connected Seas (ICG/NEAMTWS)**

13. Notes with appreciation the organization of NEAMWave21 conducted between 8-10 March 2021 and the major increase in media interest;



14. Notes the continued national efforts to increase awareness on tsunami hazards and preparedness in line with and as contributions to the World Tsunami Awareness Day, 5 November 2021;
15. Further notes the establishment of a new Task Team on Tsunami Ready and the progress made by communities in several countries towards becoming Tsunami Ready and prepared;
16. Appreciates the continued support of the European Commission (EC) and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in the development of NEAMTWS;
17. Further appreciates the approval of a new European Union DG-ECHO project on “Strengthening the Resilience of Coastal Communities in the North-Eastern Atlantic, Mediterranean Region to the Impact of Tsunamis and Other Sea Level-Related Coastal Hazards”;
18. Notes on the study prepared by the Secretariat on Coastal Multi-Hazard Risk Perception, Resilience and Survey Questionnaires to contribute to the implementation of the new project;
19. Welcomes the target to establish at least ten Tsunami Ready recognized communities in the Mediterranean countries in the next two years, contributing to making 100% of communities at risk of tsunami prepared for and resilient to tsunamis by 2030;
20. Congratulates the ICG/NEAMTWS for the finalization and publication of a new ICG/NEAMTWS 2021-2030 Strategy in line with the UN Ocean Science Decade for Sustainable Development;
21. Welcomes the decision to organise and conduct the next North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas Wave Exercise in 2023 (NEAMWave23);

**Part IV:  
Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS)**

22.

(TBC)

**Part V:  
Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards related to Sea Level Warning and Mitigation Systems (TOWS-WG)**

23.

(TBC)

37. The representatives of \_\_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3.5.2 Progress Report of the Intersessional Open-ended Working Group on the Status of the Regional Committee of the Central Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO)

[Dec. IOC-XXX/3.3.4, A-31/3.5.6]

<i>Working document:</i>	IOC/EC-55/352.Doc(1)	Progress Report of the Intersessional Open-ended Working Group on the Status of the Regional Committee of the Central Indian Ocean
<i>Information:</i>	IOC Circular Letter, <a href="#">2872</a>	Invitation to Member States to nominate members of the open-ended intersessional Working Group on the Status of the IOC Regional Committee for the Central Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO)
<i>Reference:</i>	<a href="#">IOCINDIO-VIII/3s</a>	Executive Summary Report of the 8th Session of the IOC Regional Committee for the Central Indian Ocean, 17–19 May 2021 (online)

38. Rear Admiral (Retd) Khurshed Alam, a Co-Chair of the Intersessional Open-ended Working Group on the Status of the Regional Committee of the Central Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO) and IOCINDIO Chair, speaking on behalf of the Working Group CO-Chairs, presented the progress report on the subject. He recalled that the IOC Assembly at its 31<sup>st</sup> session discussed and welcomed the IOCINDIO-VIII Recommendation for changing the status of the regional committee into an IOC Sub-Commission and the responsive views of Member States to the proposal. The Assembly then decided to undertake the necessary remaining steps towards the establishment of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Indian Ocean through the creation of a dedicated intersessional open-ended Working Group taking into account the above proposal as a framework to improve coordination between IOC Member States and ensure implementation of IOC programmes in the Indian Ocean.
39. The Working Group was constituted in January 2022 following the mailing of IOC Circular Letter 2872. The group is co-chaired by the chairpersons of IOC and IOCINDIO and its Terms of Reference include three major items:
- identify necessary steps for the establishment of the IOC Sub-Commission for the Indian Ocean,
  - present a written progress report for discussion by the Executive Council at its 55th session,
  - prepare a proposal for the establishment of an IOC Sub-Commission for the Indian Ocean including its title, terms of reference; geographic area of responsibility; programme of work with the proposed projects and funding support; mechanisms for coordination with adjacent sub-commissions, and other necessary specifications; and submit it to the IOC Assembly at its 32nd session as a working document as well as a draft resolution on the above subject.
40. The Working Group held [two or three] online consultations. The results of its discussions were summarized in document IOC/EC-55/352.Doc(1) for the consideration of this session of the Executive Council. The work of the Working Group progress according to plan activities in order to present the specifications of the emerging sub-commission and related draft resolution to the IOC Assembly at its 32<sup>nd</sup> Session in 2023.

Dec. EC-55/3.5.2

**Progress Report of the Open-ended Intersessional Working Group on the Status of the**



**Regional Committee of the Central Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO)**

The Executive Council,

1. Welcoming document IOC/EC-55/352.Doc(1) that conveys the progress report of the Intersessional Open-ended Working Group on the Status of the Regional Committee of the Central Indian Ocean established by Decision A-31/3.5.6 of the IOC Assembly at its 31<sup>st</sup> session,
2. Thanks the Co-Chairs for leading the Working Group;
3. Notes the ongoing consultations and their focus on such necessary specifications of the potential future IOC subsidiary body for the Indian Ocean as its title, terms of reference, geographic area of responsibility, programme of work with the proposed projects and funding support and the mechanisms for coordination with adjacent sub-commissions;
4. Welcomes and appreciates the participation of IOCAFRICA and WESTPAC in the Working Group deliberations;
5. Invites the Working Group to submit its final report and recommendation for consideration by the IOC Assembly at its 32<sup>nd</sup> session.

41. The representatives of \_\_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. IOC RELEVANT ISSUES RELATED TO UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENTS**

4.1 REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (2021–2030)  
[39 C/Resolution 25; Res. XXIX-1, XXX-1, A-31/1]

<u>Working documents:</u>	IOC/EC-55/41Doc(1)	Status of the implementation of the UN Decade
<u>Information:</u>	INF or ODS	Outcomes of 2nd Decade call for actions and scope of 3rd call
	INF or ODS	Status of the establishment of Decade coordinating mechanisms (DCOs, DCCs, DIPs, NDCs)
	INF or ODS	Establishment of the Decade Advisory Board and rules of procedure

42. The Executive Secretary introduced this item.

43. Mr Barbière, Head of the Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section and IOC focal point for the Decade, presented an overview of the progress in operationalizing the Implementation Plan. Mr Barbière reported on the outcome of the Call for Decade Actions No. 02/2021, the establishment of the Decade Advisory Board in December 2021 on the basis of the ToRs adopted by IOC Assembly 31, the engagement and resource mobilisation strategy for IOC to support its Decade coordination role well as its IOC programmatic contributions. He will also report on the establishment of Decade coordinating mechanisms (DCOs, DCCs, DIPs, NDCs)

Dec. EC-55/4.1

**Implementation of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)**

The Executive Council,

**Part 1 – Decade Coordination**

1. Considering \_\_\_\_\_,
2. Takes notes of the establishment of Decade coordinating mechanisms (DCOs, DCCs, DIP, NDCs as presented in document \_\_\_\_\_;
3. Also takes note of the establishment of the Decade Advisory Board,
4. Thanks the members of the Interim DAB for their contribution up to December 2021;
5. Agrees with the rules of procedure/modalities of work of the DAB;

**Part 2 – IOC Contribution to the Decade**

6. Supports the registration or planned registration of IOC-led Decade Actions, specifically:
  - Xxx
  - Yyy
7. Also supports the active role of the IOC Regional Subsidiary Bodies and Programmes in facilitating Decade regional coordination and engagement activities, and in particular of:
  - IOC WESTPAC acting as Decade Coordination Office for the Western Pacific Region;
  - IODE Programme Office acting as Decade Coordination Office for Ocean Data (TBC);
  - Other ....
8. Invites Member States, partners, and donor organizations to support these Decade Actions and Coordination mechanisms, including through allocation of extra-budgetary resources to relevant IOC programmes, to achieve their transformative ambitions, guide their respective communities, and act as a catalyser of further actions within and beyond the Decade.

44. The representatives of \_\_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

4.2 OTHER UNITED NATIONS INITIATIVES  
[Rules of Procedure 21.2C]

Working documents:      IOC/EC-55/42.Doc(1)      IOC contribution to UN processes (BBNJ, UNFCCC, CBD, and UN Ocean Conference)

45. Mr Barbière, Head of the Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section, introduced this agenda item by providing a report on the outcomes of :

- UNFCCC COP26 Climate Change Conference (Glasgow, UK, 1-13 Nov)
- the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Conference of the BBNJ process (March 2022)
- the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the COP CBD, Kunming (April 2022)
- Specific provisions of the UNGA Omnibus resolution adopted by the 76<sup>th</sup> UNGA Session

46.

Dec. EC-55/4.2**IOC in Other UN Initiatives**

The Executive Council,

1. Considering \_\_\_\_\_,
2. Takes action on a potential invitation from the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Intergovernmental Conference on BBNJ (7–18 March 2022) to IOC Secretariat to further define its potential contribution to the BBNJ process;
3. Invites IOC Member States to actively take part in the UN Ocean Conference, 27 June–1 July 2022 in Lisbon, and highlight their contribution to IOC and the Ocean Decade reinforcing the importance of ocean science towards the achievement of SDG 14 and the 2030 Agenda;
4. Taking note of:
  - (i) the outcome of the UNFCCC COP-26 Glasgow Climate Pact and its provisions related to the ocean, in particular the establishment of an annual Ocean-Climate Dialogue, in the context the UNFCCC Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice to strengthen the ocean-based action,
  - (ii) the adoption of the Post-2020 Biodiversity Framework adopted by the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP-15, Part 2) at Kunming, China, 25 April–8 May 2022;
  - (iii) the UNGA Resolution (Ocean Omnibus resolution) adopted at the 76<sup>th</sup> Session, inviting IOC to provide technical and scientific support to the 3<sup>rd</sup> cycle of the UN Regular Process on the State;
5. Requests the IOC Executive Secretary to continue engaging with these process and X, Y, Z by providing scientific and technical support;
6. Invites IOC Member States to engage in these processes and highlight their contribution.

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The representatives of \_\_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

## 5. GOVERNANCE, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING

### 5.1 FOLLOW-UP TO RESOLUTION A-31/2: GOVERNANCE, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING MATTERS OF THE COMMISSION

<u>Working documents:</u>	IOC/EC-55/51Doc(1)	Revised Rules of Procedure for the IOC Executive Council – First Draft
	IOC/EC-55/51Doc(2)	Draft Guidelines for Online Sessions of the IOC Executive Council
<u>Information:</u>	<b>INF-XXX</b>	Report of the Chair of the Intersessional Financial Advisory Group (intersessional period December 2021-June 2022)
<u>Reference:</u>	<a href="#">Resolution A-31/2</a>	Governance, programming and budgeting matters of the Commission: resolution adopted by the IOC Assembly at its 31st session

48. The Executive Secretary introduced this item.

#### Dec. EC-55/5.1

#### **Governance, Programming and Budgeting Matters of the Commission**

The Executive Council,

1. Having examined documents IOC/EC-55/51Doc(1), IOC/EC-55/51Doc(2) and **INF-XXX**,
2. Takes note of the documents IOC/EC-55/51Doc(1), IOC/EC-55/51Doc(2) and INF-XXX subject to further examination by the Financial Committee with a view of formulating a draft resolution for discussion and adoption in plenary.

49. The representatives of \_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

### 5.2 REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE [Resolutions XXX-3; A-31/2]

<u>Working documents:</u>	N/A	The Chair will present the results of the work of the sessional Financial Committee and introduce the Draft Resolution on Governance, Programming and Budgeting Matters of the Commission, as reviewed by it.
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50. The Chair of the Financial Committee, Vice-Chair of IOC Karim Hilmi (Morocco), reported to the Executive Council on the results of the Committee's examination of the items entrusted to it by the plenary in addition to the statutory ones foreseen in the Rule of Procedure 8.1(c).

51. The Executive Council adopted Resolution EC-55/\_\_\_ below submitted by \_\_\_\_.

Draft Resolution EC-55/[5.2] to be submitted during the session

## GOVERNANCE, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING MATTERS OF THE COMMISSION

The Executive Council,

1. Having examined documents:
- 2.

52. The representatives of \_\_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

### 5.3 PREPARATION OF THE NEXT SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL [Statutes Art. 7.C.8; Rule of Procedure 8.3 & 21.2(C); Rule of Procedure 19.2]

53. The Executive Secretary reminded the Council of IOC Decision A-31/4.6 of the Assembly at its 31<sup>st</sup> Session.

### Dec. EC-55/5.3

#### Preparation of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Assembly and next Sessions of the Executive Council

The Executive Council,

1. Recalling the recommendations of the Executive Council at its 54th session (EC-54, Dec. 4) and IOC Decision A-31/4.6 of the Assembly at its 31<sup>st</sup> session,
2. Decides to hold:
  - (i) The 32<sup>nd</sup> session of the Assembly (i) for a duration of 6.5 days plus one Ocean Science Day, at UNESCO Headquarters, over the period from \_\_\_\_\_ June 2023, preceded by a one-day session of the Executive Council (56th session) acting as the steering committee of the Assembly and followed by an extraordinary session of the Executive Council dedicated to the adoption of a separated set of Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council on \_\_\_\_ 2023;
  - (ii) The 57th session of the Executive Council for 3.5 days in UNESCO Headquarters, Paris over the period of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024,

54. The representatives of \_\_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

### 6. CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF IOC

[Statutes Art. 8.2; EC-XLVI/Dec.5; IOC-XXIX/Dec.11.3]

#### Reference:

IOC/INF-1316 Rev.

Consultation for the appointment of the Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO:

process for the establishment of a short list of applicants for submission to the Director-General of UNESCO

IOC Circular Letter N° [redacted] Consultation process for the designation of applicants in the context of the appointment of the Executive Secretary of the IOC of UNESCO

55. This item was introduced by the Chairman who referred to IOC Circular Letter [redacted] dated [redacted] 2022, which conveyed information on the consultation process and CVs of [redacted] applicants, out of [redacted] applications, who had been pre-selected by the Director of UNESCO Human Resources Management and a representative of UNESCO Director-General, in consultation with the IOC Officers. Document IOC/INF-1316 Rev. served as reference for an overview of the process and the arrangements for the consultative vote in an *in camera* session of the IOC Executive Council.
56. After the public introduction the Council shifted to an *in camera* (private) session. Only one representative of each Member State of the Executive Council was allowed in the meeting room. Prior notice of the name of each representative had to be given to the Chairman of IOC and to the IOC Secretariat by [redacted] 2022. Being an *in camera* session, no observers were allowed to follow the proceedings.
57. Following the vote and ballot counting, the Chairman reconvened the Council *in camera* session to provide the short list of the six highest scored applicants in alphabetical order to be submitted to the Director-General.

No decision was proposed under this item.

## 7. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND MODALITIES FOR THE FINALISATION OF THE REPORT

58. The Chairperson thanked the Rapporteur Mr/Ms \_\_\_\_\_ from [country] for his/her excellent work in support of the work of the session.
59. The Chair of the Resolutions Committee reported to the Council on the work of the Committee during the session (Annex \_\_ to the present report).
60. The IOC Chair then invited the Executive Council to adopt, in plenary, the draft decisions that were still pending after discussion in plenary and \_\_ resolutions. Parts of the draft summary report of the discussions at the present session were presented to the Council in English only for information.

### Dec. EC-55/7

#### **Adoption of Resolutions and modalities for the finalisation of the report**

The Executive Council,

3. Recalling the recommendations of the Executive Council at its 52nd session (EC-LII, Dec.3.3) on organization matters,
4. Adopts the decisions and \_\_\_ resolutions of the session;
5. Takes note of the draft summary report of the session and the compilation of the decisions

adopted during the session (IOC/EC-55/Decisions Prov.);

6. Requests the Executive Secretary to circulate the narrative part of the report to Member States in the four working languages of the Commission by \_\_\_\_ 2023 at the latest for its adoption by correspondence by \_\_\_\_.

61. The representatives of \_\_ Member States took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: \_\_\_\_\_.

## 8. CLOSURE

62. The Council met in plenary session during \_\_ days from \_\_ to \_\_ June 2022, considered \_\_ items on its agenda and approved \_\_ decisions and \_ resolutions. The session encompassed \_\_\_\_ meetings of the Financial Committee, \_\_\_\_ meetings of the Resolutions Committee, and \_\_ meetings of the sessional Working Group on \_\_\_\_\_. It was preceded by \_\_\_\_\_. The Secretariat prepared \_\_ documents. The Chair reported that some \_\_ participants registered for the session with some \_\_\_\_ delegates connected daily.
63. The Chair of the Commission closed the 55th session of the Executive Council at \_\_\_\_ Paris time.