



**PERMANENT DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA
TO UNESCO**

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Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin

Executive Secretary and Assistant Director-General,
Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC),
UNESCO

Dear *Dr Ryabinin,*

**RE: CONSULTATION ON THE POTENTIAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE IOC
REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CENTRAL INDIAN OCEAN
(IOCINDIO) INTO AN IOC SUB-COMMISSION**

Reference is made to the 2nd IOC Opening ended intersessional Working Group on the Status of IOCINDIO held online on 31 March 2022.

The Republic of Kenya hereby submits the attached statement for inclusion in the report of the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phyllis'.

**MS. PHYLLIS J. KANDIE, EGH
AMBASSADOR/PERMANENT DELEGATE**

Encl.

STATEMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA ON THE CONSULTATION ON THE POTENTIAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE IOC REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CENTRAL INDIAN OCEAN (IOCINDIO) INTO AN IOC SUB-COMMISSION

Further to the 2nd IOC Opening ended intersessional Working Group on the Status of IOCINDIO held on 31 March 2022, the Republic of Kenya underlines the following for inclusion in the report of the meeting:

1. Kenya welcomes the proposal for changing the status of IOCINDIO from an IOC regional committee into an IOC sub-commission. Kenya shall therefore continue to positively contribute to these efforts.
2. Kenya underlines the need for the potential IOCINDIO sub-commission to be established with the same geographical area of responsibility as at the time of its creation as a regional committee. There should be no overlaps with IOC Sub-Commission for Africa and Adjacent Island States (IOCAFRICA).
3. Kenya therefore requests the IOC Secretariat to revise the text of the working document entitled "Elements for establishing IOCINDIO as an IOC Sub-Commission" to ensure that the role and scope of IOCAFRICA is not diminished. Any reference to IOCINDIO having a mandate over the entire Indian Ocean should be deleted.
4. Kenya stresses the importance of coordination with other sub-commissions including IOCAFRICA with a view of maximizing value of work on issues of common interest and avoiding duplication.

April, 2022