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To: Chairs of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS, ICG/IOTWS, ICG/NEAMTWS and ICG/PTWS, Chairs of the Inter ICG-Task Teams on Disaster Management and Preparedness and Tsunami Watch Operations

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Vladimir Ryabinin, IOC Executive Secretary and UNESCO Assistant Director General
Bernardo Aliaga Rossel, IOC Tsunami Unit Head

Subject: Chairperson of the Tsunami Ready (TR) Coalition

It is with great pleasure that I am writing to inform you of the appointment of the Chairperson of the Tsunami Ready (TR) Coalition.

Through [Decision EC-55/3.5.1](#), the IOC Executive Council at its 55th session approved the establishment of the UNESCO/IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP) and a Tsunami Ready Coalition, which aims to raise the profile of TRRP in collaboration with critical stakeholders across the UN system, interested regional organizations, national disaster management agencies, and the public.

After due consultations with the Chair of TOWS-WG, I have decided to appoint Dr. Laura Kong (USA) as Chairperson of the TR Coalition for the period 2023-2024. Dr. Kong has a solid professional background and extensive experience, with a clear understanding of tsunami preparedness. She has also demonstrated impressive working capacity, commitment, and high visibility in multiple domains. Dr. Kong's CV is attached to this letter.

The Chairperson of the TR Coalition is to serve for a period of two years and will be eligible for renewal once. The mandate includes proposing a governing structure to the TOWS-WG and being responsible for reporting activities and progress made in the TRRP to the TOWS-WG.

I wish every success to Dr. Laura Kong in this endeavour for the benefit of communities at risk of tsunami.

Yours sincerely,


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