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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 IOC Chair, Dr Yutaka Michida, opened the 57th session of the IOC Executive Council at 10.00 a.m. in Room XI at UNESCO Headquarters. Before delivering his opening address and reporting on his activities and those of the other members of the Bureau since the 32nd session of the Assembly, the IOC Chair addressed a few words of welcome on behalf of Member States to Dr Vidar Helgesen, the new Executive Secretary of the IOC in post since March 1st of this year.
2. Dr Michida expressed the wish to pay tribute to distinguished individuals who had participated in the work of the Commission and passed away recently. The participants stood for a minute of silence to honour: Raymond Mohammed (Fiji, 1978–2013).
3. 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 [Rules of Procedure 55 & 56]

<u>Working documents</u>	IOC/EC-57/2.1.Doc	Provisional Agenda
	IOC/EC-57/2.1.Doc Add.	Provisional Timetable
	IOC/EC-57/AP Prov. Rev.	Revised Provisional Action Paper (<i>this document</i>)
<u>References</u>	IOC/A-32/SR	Summary Report of the Thirty-second session of the IOC Assembly, Paris, 21–30 June 2023
	IOC/EC-55/SR	Summary Report of the Fifty-fifth session of the IOC Executive Council, 13–17 June 2022

4. The Chair introduced this item.

Dec. EC-57/2(I)

The Executive Council,

I. Agenda

1. Adopts the agenda and the timetable of work as set out in documents IOC/EC-57/2.1.Doc. and Add. [with the following additional modifications:]

5. 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 8.4]

Dec. EC-57/2(II)

II. Rapporteur

2. On a proposal of [country], seconded by [countries],
3. Designates _____ of [country from electoral group II] 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 7]

6. 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.

Dec. EC-57/2(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 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3; under the chairship of Mr Juan Camilo Forero Hauzeur (Colombia, 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 20 June and on the draft resolution covering financial matters drafted during the session; under the chairship of _____ (*country*) with the following Member States participating: _____. Mr Julian Barbière provided the Secretariat support to the Resolutions Committee.

2.4 INTRODUCTION OF TIMETABLE AND DOCUMENTATION
[Rule of Procedure 16]

Information

IOC/EC-57/DocList	Provisional List of Documents
IOC/EC-57/2.4.Inf.1	Working arrangements for the session
IOC/EC-57/2.4.Inf.2	Special event: Preserving past tsunami information for future preparedness: Eyewitness and survivor project

7. 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 [*tbc*] draft resolution was received before 20 June 2024 at 10:00 a.m. All draft resolutions were to be examined for adoption under agenda item 7 at the end of the session. 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, in agreement with the rapporteur for the session. The complete version of the narrative report, duly translated, would be brought to the attention of the members of the Executive Council 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) set up for this purpose.

8. Turning to the timetable, the Executive Secretary recalled that the plenary session would last 3.5 days, including a 90-minute side event in the plenary hall to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Sumatra tsunami. This event would be broadcast live, as will the entire session, and will bring together witnesses and survivors in Paris. The "Tsunami Eyewitness and Survivor" project will include activities such as a traveling exhibition, a documentary, side events at global ocean conferences and meetings with eyewitnesses throughout 2024.

No decision is proposed under this item.

9. 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

<u>Information:</u>	IOC/EC-57/2.5.Inf.3	Presentation and abstract of the IOC Roger Revelle 2024 Memorial Lecture: 20 years since Sumatra: Advances in Tsunami Science and Mitigation by Emile A. Okal
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10. The Chair introduced this item and reminded that the Roger Revelle Lecture series was established by the IOC in 1991 to recognize outstanding contributions to climate related ocean sciences by inspired researchers, who communicate their knowledge and global vision of the challenges facing our planet in order to shape a better future for humankind. The lecture is dedicated to Roger Revelle (1909–1991) who was among the early scientists to study anthropogenic global warming. He was also one of the founding fathers of the IOC.
11. Emile A. Okal of Northwestern University (USA) gave the IOC Roger Revelle 2024 Memorial Lecture on the theme of tsunami mitigation, 20 years after the tsunami disaster that struck the Indian Ocean on December 26, 2004. Almost 20 years have passed since the Sumatra disaster of 2004, which made the word "tsunami" a household word and was probably the deadliest event in human history. As a result, tsunami risk mitigation has received a great deal of attention worldwide, and this conference reviews progress in several areas.

3. REPORTS

3.1 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED SINCE THE THIRTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY (JULY 2023–MAY 2024) [Rule of Procedure 31]

<u>Working documents</u>	IOC/EC-57/3.1.Doc(1) and Addendum	Report of the IOC Executive Secretary on the work accomplished since the Thirty-second session of the Assembly (July 2023–May 2024)
	IOC/EC-57/3.1.Doc(2)	Report on 2022–2023 (41 C/5) budget implementation

as at 31 December 2023		
	IOC/EC-57/3.1.Doc(3)	Financial situation of the IOC Special Account at year-end 2023 and forecast for 2024–2025
	IOC/EC-57/3.1.Doc(4)	Consultation Process - IOC and the Future of the Ocean; Sustainable Delivery and Expansion of IOC Activities
<u>Information</u>	IOC/INF-1535	Revised Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS)
	IOC/INF-1536	Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board self-review of performance
<u>Reference</u>	<u>217 EX/4.I.D</u>	UNESCO and the Ocean: highlights of intersectoral work under the auspices of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

12. The IOC Executive Secretary introduced this item.
13. The Executive Secretary thanked the Member States for the confidence put in him through last year's nomination process and the warm welcome to the organization including through many kind congratulatory messages. He expressed appreciation for the tremendous achievements of the limited number of IOC staff members, and underlined the importance of the networked nature of the IOC and the reliance on the active participation and collaboration of Member State institutions and individuals.
14. With the increased budget for 2024–2025, approved thanks to IOC Member States's ownership and support, programme implementation is stepped up across all IOC functions and value chain, with particular focus on long-term sustained observations and data and information management, as well as regional subsidiary bodies and activities and Member States' capacity building.
15. The 2024 Ocean Decade Conference in Barcelona (10–12 April) brought together the global ocean community to present achievements made over the last three years, take stock and set a collective vision towards 2030. The Executive Secretary praised the work of co-chairs and members of the 10 working groups under the Vision 2030 process.
16. These new directions for the Decade will provide a major contribution for the 2025 UN Ocean Conference, hosted by France and Costa Rica, and will highlight where further national and international efforts will be required to achieve SDG 14.
17. However important the many ocean-related international conferences taking place, the Executive Secretary emphasized the need for more rigorous, knowledge-based action at national levels to address and respond to the dramatic changes now taking place in the ocean, with grave but also uncertain consequences for our ocean, planet and humanity.
18. Referring to decision A-32/5 of the IOC Assembly in 2023, the Executive Secretary invited Member States to launch the new consultation process on the IOC and the Future of the Ocean. Against the backdrop of major changes in and increasing global attention to the ocean, the Assembly decision is focused on how IOC could, on the basis of its purpose as defined in its Statutes, optimally facilitate activities of Member States and other stakeholders in science-based sustainable ocean planning, ocean science support to implementation of UN environmental conventions and frameworks, and development of a sustainable ocean economy. The consultation will be carried out in stages, providing guidance to the IOC's next quadrennial programme 2026–2029 and next lay the foundations of our next Medium-Term Strategy for 2030 onwards.

Dec. EC-57/3.1

Report of the Executive Secretary

The Executive Council,

1. Having examined documents IOC/EC-57/3.1.Doc(1), IOC/EC-57/3.1.Doc(2), and IOC/EC-57/3.1.Doc(3),
2. Thanks the Executive Secretary for a very comprehensive report;
3. Takes note of the information provided, welcoming significant advances in many programmatic areas;
4. Invites the Executive Secretary to proceed with the consultation process ‘IOC and the Future of the Ocean: Sustainable Delivery and Expansion of IOC Activities’ as outlined in document IOC/EC-57/3.1.Doc(4) and taking into account Member States discussions and guidance on this matter.

19. 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 REPORTS OF IOC SUBSIDIARY BODIES
[Rule of Procedure 30.3]

3.2.1 Warning and Mitigation Systems for Ocean Hazards

3.2.1.1 Regional Early Warning Services

<u>Reports</u>		
IOC/ICG-CARIBE EWS-XVII/3s		Executive Summary Report of the Seventeenth Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE-EWS), 6–9 May 2024, Managua, Nicaragua
IOC/ICG/NEAMTWS-XVIII/3		Summary Report of the Eighteenth 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-XVIII), 6–8 February 2024, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris
IOC/ICG/PTWS-XXX/3s		Executive Summary Report of the Thirtieth Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS-XXX), 11–15 September 2023, Nuku’alofa, Tonga

20. The IOC Chair introduced this item by informing the Council that three coordinating groups of Regional Early Warning Services had met during the intersessional period and would report to this session of the Executive Council. He welcomed the Chairs of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS, ICG/NEAMTWS and ICG/PTWS.

21. Mr Gérard Metayer (Haiti), Chair of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE-EWS), presented the report of the 17th Session of the Group. He highlighted the

results of the CARIBE WAVE 2024 tsunami exercise that mobilized a total of over 400,000 people on 21 March 2024. He reported on other results of ICG/CARIBE-EWS-XVII (6–9 May 2024, Managua, Nicaragua), including: (i) the establishment of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS Steering Committee; (ii) the recommendation on the continuation of CATAAC’s full functionality on an interim basis; (iii) planning for CARIBE WAVE 2025; (iv) the establishment of a Task Team dedicated to Tsunami Ready; and (v) consideration of conducting its future sessions from 2026 onwards in-person only every second year, and online every other.

22. Dr Alessandro Amato (Italy), 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) informed the session on the results of the 18th Session of the Group, UNESCO, Paris, 6–8 February 2024. He highlighted that Cannes (France) became the first recognized Tsunami Ready community in the NEAM region. He noted that the Group also welcome the finalization and publication of the ICG/NEAMTWS 2021-2030 Strategy document, the successful completion of NEAMWave23 tsunami exercise, and the funding of Phase-II of CoastWAVE Project by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG-ECHO) for a two-year period.
23. Mr Yuji Nishimae, Chair of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS) introduced the report of the 30th Session of the Group (11–15 September 2023, Nuku’alofa, Tonga). The session was well attended with over 80 participants from 17 countries. Participants elected three Vice-chairpersons and one Chairperson, and initiated efforts to strengthen the capabilities of the Steering Committee, aligning them with the goals of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021–2030 and established three new Task Teams, on: Volcano Tsunami Preparedness; Cutting-Edge Forecasting; and Community Readiness. The group also decided to organise a tsunami exercise, PacWave 24, during the months of September to November 2024, aligned with the International Disaster Risk Reduction Day (13 October) and the World Tsunami Awareness Day (5 November).

3.2.1.2 Global Coordination of Warning and Mitigation Systems for Ocean Hazards

<u>Report</u>	IOC/TOWS-WG-XVII/3 Summary Report of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards related to Sea Level Warning and Mitigation Systems (TOWS-WG-XVII), 22–23 February 2024, Sendai, Japan
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24. Dr Srinivasa Kumar Tummala (India), Chair of the Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards Related to Sea-Level Warning and Mitigation Systems (TOWS-WG), introduced this item. He informed the Executive Council about recent developments in Tsunami Warning and Mitigation Systems and reported on the results of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Working Group (22–23 February 2024, Sendai, Japan). TOWS-WG-XVII’s key recommendations included closer collaboration between IOC/UNESCO and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to integrate tsunami activities with initiatives like the Early Warning for All (EW4ALL), aiming for comprehensive disaster preparedness. Additionally, the group agreed to expedite the provision of reports and organization of webinars to disseminate critical information to relevant stakeholders regarding tsunamigenic volcanoes and associated hazards.
25. TOWS-WG-XVII confirmed and endorsed the hosting by the Bureau of Meteorology and Geophysics (BMKG) of Indonesia of an IOC Global Tsunami Symposium Planning in Indonesia in association with the commemoration of 20 years since the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami. It noted that work is in progress on a Tsunami Ready Toolkit to help countries implement the Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme with the help of social science experts, in order to stimulate community involvement and address the difficult challenges of tsunami preparedness.

26. Dr Kumar Tummala reported that the partnership with UNDRR for World Tsunami Awareness Day has seen the global expansion of the #GetToHighGround Campaign. The theme for 2024: 'Empowering Children and Youth', highlights the crucial role of educating young people about tsunami risks. Furthermore, the Working Group expressed gratitude for the financial support provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to developing countries in disaster management and noted that IOC will continue to collaborate and exchange expertise with JICA experts when the opportunity arises.

Dec. EC-57/3.2.1

Warning and Mitigation Systems of Ocean Hazards

The Executive Council,

1. Having examined the executive summary reports of the recent sessions of the Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions (ICG/CARIBE-EWS-XVII/3s), the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas (ICG/NEAMTWS-XVII/3s), the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS-XXX/3s) and the report of the Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards Related to Sea-Level Warning and Mitigation Systems (TOWS-WG-XVII),
2. Expresses solidarity with those affected by the 2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake and tsunami, in Japan, on 1 January 2024;
3. Accepts the reports by the IOC/ICGs and TOWS-WG;
4. Notes with satisfaction the progress made during the intersessional period, including:
 - (i) exercises conducted in 2023 in the Caribbean on 23 March (CARIBE WAVE 23), the Indian Ocean on 4, 11, 18, and 25 October (IOWave23) and the North-eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean, and connected seas on 6–7 November (NEAMWave 23);
 - (ii) the continuing work of the Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme Scientific Committee (ODTP-SC);
 - (iii) the publication of the *Research, Development and Implementation Plan for the Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme (ODTP-RDIP)* ([IOC/2023/TS/180](#));
 - (iv) the publication of the report on *Monitoring and warning for tsunamis generated by volcanoes* ([IOC/2024/TS/183](#)) prepared by the TT-TWO Ad Hoc Team on Tsunamis Generated by Volcanoes (TGV);
 - (v) the update on the IUGG meetings organised in 2023–2024, including the participation of IUGG members on the ODTP-SC meeting on 25 January 2024, collaboration in organising the 8th IOC/ICG/PTWS–IUGG Joint Tsunami Commission (JTC) Technical Workshop on 11 September 2023 during ICG/PTWS-XXX on Understanding and Lessons Learned from Tsunamis Generated by the Hunga Tonga - Hunga Ha'apai Volcano Eruption on 15 January 2022, expected participation in the [UNESCO-IOC Second Global Tsunami Symposium](#) on the Reflection of the Two Decades Indian Ocean Tsunami 2004 Commemoration, 11–14 November 2024, and its contributions towards several reports, including the report [IOC/2024/TS/183](#);
 - (vi) the work of ITIC and the ICG/PTWS in the development of a PTWS [NTWC Competency Framework](#);
 - (vii) the extensive preparation work and the support of Meteorology, Climatology,

and Geophysical Agency (BMKG) of Indonesia in hosting the [UNESCO-IOC Second Global Tsunami Symposium](#), 11–14 November 2024 in Banda Aceh;

- (viii) the work of the TT-TWO in developing specialized TSP bulletins for the maritime community in consultation with the International Hydrographic Organisation (IHO) Sub-Committee on the World Wide Navigational Warning Service (WWNWS-SC);
 - (ix) the role of the Tsunami Information Centres (TICs) in the efforts of the Task Teams on Disaster Management Preparedness and Tsunami Watch Operations;
 - (x) the roles of Tsunami Information Centres (TICs) in developing community awareness and preparedness in support of helping effective community responses to tsunami warnings, and the critical support provided to Member States in facilitating tsunami preparedness and resilience, and the advancement of the work programmes of the TOWS-WG and its Inter-ICG Task Teams;
 - (xi) the continued progress in the implementation of UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP) in the Caribbean, Indian Ocean, Pacific region, and in the NEAM region;
 - (xii) Cannes Municipality (Alpes Maritimes), France, as the first UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready recognized community in France, the North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean, and the connected seas region, and new communities in Indonesia (Nagari Tapakih) in the Indian Ocean, Barbados (Christ Church West), Guadeloupe (Deshaies), and St. Vincent and the Grenadines (Saint George) in the Caribbean, and Costa Rica (Dominical, Dominicalito and Barú; Playa Hermosa; Puerto Jiménez and Tivives), Fiji (Navuevu, Sila) in the Pacific;
 - (xiii) the progress made by ICG/PTWS concerning exploring mechanisms of how to include national tsunami preparedness and readiness programmes and initiatives in the UN Ocean Decade Programme, and that Tsunami Ready Equivalency Approach framed under other similar initiatives seeks to enable reporting on tsunami preparedness in a manner compatible with the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP), using existing national frameworks and requirements;
 - (xiv) the continued collaboration between the UNDRR and UNESCO-IOC on the World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD) in 2023, and the success achieved in scaling up the #GetToHighGround Campaign mobilizing action globally;
 - (xv) the work done in Indonesia on several types of critical infrastructures: (1) Yogyakarta International Airport Tsunami Ready, (2) Bali Tsunami Ready Hotel, and (3) the needs of Industrial Zone Ready for Tsunami learning from Cilegon Industrial Estate. These could form the basis for the development of guidelines for Tsunami Ready Critical Infrastructure, as an effort to achieve goal no 2 of ODTP on achieving 100% people at risk to be ready and resilient to tsunami by 2030;
 - (xvi) progress and status of ISO 22328-3 in Indonesia (Community-based Early Warning Systems for Tsunamis) which is targeting the large-scale private sector to be Tsunami Ready;
5. Also notes with appreciation the work of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Tsunami Early Warning and Mitigation systems and encourages closer collaboration with JICA;
6. Further notes with appreciation the important commitments of Barbados, Indonesia, and USA to host the CTIC, IOTIC, and the ITIC to support the ICGs, and Australia to

host the ICG/IOTWMS Secretariat Office;

7. Welcomes the appointment of the new ICG/NEAMTWS and ICG/PTWS Officers for the biennium 2024–2025 and 2023–2025, respectively;

Part I:

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

8. Notes with appreciation:

- (i) the establishment of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS Steering Committee as an efficient instrument of results-based management, especially in providing an oversight in the execution of its decisions and recommendations, also marking a step towards harmonization among the global ICG governance structures;
- (ii) the continued full functionality of the Central America Tsunami Advisory Centre (CATAC) on an interim basis and the review of CATAC as a Tsunami Service Provider (TSP) in its eighteenth session in 2025 to enable the IOC Assembly to consider the final admission of CATAC as TSP in June 2025;
- (iii) the planning of the CARIBE WAVE 2025;
- (iv) establishment of a Task Team dedicated to Tsunami Ready in recognition of the need to further focus on the identification and employing corresponding strategies in the Caribbean and adjacent regions to reach the second objective of the ODTP that 100% of communities at risk to be prepared and resilient to tsunamis by 2030 through efforts like the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme (TRRP);
- (v) the possibility to hold its future sessions from 2026 onwards in-person only every second year, and online every other years, noting that UNESCO aims to reduce its carbon footprint to meet its set target of reducing its emissions by 31% by 2030, in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement;

Part II:

Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the North-Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and Connected Seas (ICG/NEAMTWS)

9. Notes with appreciation:

- (i) the positive results of the fifth tsunami exercise for the region, NEAMWave23 conducted on 6–7 November 2023;
- (ii) Cannes Municipality (Alpes Maritimes), France as the first UNESCO IOC Tsunami Ready Recognized Community in mainland France and North-eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean, and the connected seas region, and the ceremony organized in Cannes on 19 January 2024;
- (iii) the recently new approved two-years DG-ECHO funded CoastWAVE Project – Phase II (CoastWAVE 2.0) project starting on 1 July 2024 on “Scaling-Up and Strengthening the Resilience of Coastal Communities in the North-Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean Regions to the Impact of Tsunamis and Other Sea Level-Related Coastal Hazards”;
- (iv) the offer of Egypt to host ICG/NEAMTWS-XIX in October 2024 and Italy’s intention to host the ICG/NEAMTWS-XX session;

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

10. Notes with appreciation:

- (i) the eleventh Exercise Pacific Wave in 2024 (PacWave 24) scheduled in the months of September through to November 2024 to support International Disaster Risk Reduction Day (13 October) and World Tsunami Awareness Day (5 November), as reflected in the Terms of Reference;
- (ii) the offer of China to host the 31st Session of the ICG/PTWS in April 2025 in Beijing and the offer of France to host the 32nd Session of the ICG/PTWS in 2027 in Nouméa, New Caledonia;
- (iii) the hosting by Vanuatu of the Expert Meeting on Tsunami Sources, Hazards, Risk and Uncertainties Associated with Vanuatu, San Cristobal and New Britain Subduction Zones, 14–17 May 2024;
- (iv) the ICG/PTWS decision to expand the PTWS Earthquake Source Zone to include an area from 63° to 52° south latitude and from 72° to 18° west longitude to include the Scotia Arc and its adjacent seismic zones;
- (v) the ICG/PTWS decision to start official full functional operations of Central America Tsunami Advisory Centre (CATAC), with the specific starting date to be decided after the coordination with the ICG/CARIBE-EWS;
- (vi) the approval of the PTWS National Tsunami Warning Centre competencies, framework, and training requirements, as described in IOC/ICG/PTWS-XXX Working document: *Report from the Task Team on the Minimum Competency Levels for National Tsunami Warning Centre (NTWC) Operational Staff*;

11. Requests PTWC to finalize necessary preparations to provide special tsunami maritime safety products specifically for ships for all NAVAREA Coordinators in the Pacific and in the Southwest Atlantic (e.g. NAVAREAs VI, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, and XVI) to transmit to the NTWCs to be forwarded to the NAVAREA Coordinators of their countries, or upon their request directly to the NAVAREA Coordinators in the absence of a NTWC;

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

12. Decides that IOC should collaborate more closely with the WMO to connect tsunami activities with the Multi Hazard Early Warning Systems (MHEWS) and UN Secretary General Early Warning for All Initiative (EW4All), such as the WMO Coastal Inundation Forecasting Initiative (CIFI) that is an example of a multi-activity addressing coastal inundation, no matter the source of the coastal inundation;
13. Acknowledges the WMO request to the WMO-IOC Joint Collaborative Board to review tsunami issues as they relate to meteotsunamis, to clarify the roles and responsibilities for the WMO and UNESCO-IOC, and to determine how best to strengthen collaboration in support of Member States;
14. Instructs the regional Intergovernmental Coordination Groups (ICGs) to:
- (i) consider performing exercises outside of working hours, in particular during the night, but being careful to take into consideration difficulties and possible issues of involving the public in night-time drills;
 - (ii) consider whether Tsunami Service Providers (TSPs) may also need to provide

services where volcano generated tsunamis may impact several Member States;

- (iii) utilise exercises and communication tests as an opportunity to simultaneously monitor data availability and quality;
 - (iv) utilise and promote the use of multi-purpose sea level monitoring stations in support of MHEWS to enhance data coverage and reduce costs;
 - (v) share information and procedures on deployments of new technologies to monitor sea level variations used for tsunami warning purposes, such as the ongoing project of the CAM SMART cable off Portugal, TAM TAM SMART cable between New Caledonia and Vanuatu, undersea cable installations being deployed by Indonesia and India, and the InSEA Wet Demo smart cable in the Ionian Sea offshore Sicily;
 - (vi) TSPs identified for each ICG to trial dissemination of maritime bulletins to respective NAVAREA operators in their Area of Service (AoS) in the second half of 2024 for full operational implementation in 2025;
 - (vii) ICG/PTWS Task Team Tsunami Ready to share the ICG/PTWS guidance on Tsunami Ready Equivalency for further consideration by TT-DMP, as a potential mechanism for reporting toward this goal;
 - (viii) ICG/IOTWMS WG1 and WG3 to develop and share guidelines for Tsunami Ready Critical Infrastructure;
15. Encourage Member States to provide voluntary financial contributions to the IOC special account and in-kind contributions to support the Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme and UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme;
16. Recommends for locations that will not feel the earthquake, the use of the standard text in the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready signage such as *“In case of any official tsunami message, go to high ground or inland”* as an alternative to *“In case of a strong or long (duration) earthquake, or any official message, go to high ground or inland”*;
17. Requests the IOC Secretariat to:
- (i) advise all Member States via Circular Letter (CL) that TSP fax transmissions of tsunami information products will cease from 6 months of CL date, unless Member States advise within three months that fax transmissions of tsunami information products is essential for National Tsunami Warning Centre (NTWC) functions and there is no other back-up;
 - (ii) develop a reporting mechanism to allow ICGs to report progress on related projects within the Ocean Decade and against the ODTP-RDIP KPIs, aligning this with the proposed Global KPI Framework for the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Programme;
 - (iii) distribute the report on *Monitoring and warning for tsunamis generated by volcanoes* ([IOC/2024/TS/183](#)), including the List of Tsunamigenic Volcanoes, to Volcano Observatories and UNESCO-IOC Member States;
 - (iv) organise online webinars for each ICG involving relevant Volcano Observatories and Volcanic Ash Advisory Centers (VAACs) to:
 - a) brief on the report on *Monitoring and warning for tsunamis generated by volcanoes* ([IOC/2024/TS/183](#)) and its recommendations,
 - b) highlight the hazard and vulnerable Member States,
 - c) initiate the required partnerships between NTWCs and Volcano

Observatories and VAACs,

- d) Initiate consideration of whether TSPs may also need to provide services where tsunami generated by volcanoes may impact several Member States;
 - (v) organise in 2024 webinars in coordination with IHO for the NAVAREA operators and back-up METAREA operators to introduce the new service and products for the maritime community, and obtain and advise TSPs of the contact information for their respective NAVAREA and METAREA operators to disseminate the new maritime bulletins;
 - (vi) with TICs' lead, develop and share a Tsunami Ready Toolkit to assist Member States in implementing the TRRP. The toolkit may include a standard and clear procedure, format, and method for submitting the Tsunami Ready application and its supporting documentation, including clarification on the definition of community in the frame of the UNESCO-IOC Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme;
 - (vii) inform Member States on the Tsunami Ready Toolkit's availability via IOC Circular Letter to the Tsunami National Contacts, National Tsunami Ready Boards, and widely through attaching this as an appendix of the *Standard guidelines for the Tsunami Ready Recognition Programme* ([IOC/2022/MG/74](#));
18. Extends the tenure of the Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards related to Sea-Level Warning and Mitigation Systems and its Task Teams on: (i) Disaster Management & Preparedness (TTDMP), and (ii) Tsunami Watch Operations (TTTWO), with terms of reference as given in IOC Resolution XXIV-14 [for TOWS-WG], report IOC/TOWS-WG-VI/3, Annex II [for TTDMP] and report IOC/TOWS-WG-X/3, Annex II (Appendix 1) [for TTTWO];
 19. Notes that TOWS-WG will review and revise the TT-DMP and TT-TWO Terms of Reference for adoption at the next IOC Assembly in 2025;
 20. Also notes that the regular budget for these activities will be identified as part of the overall Resolution on Governance, Programming and Budgeting matters of the Commission.

27. 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. PROGRAMME MATTERS

4.1 GLOBAL OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM (GOOS) GOVERNANCE [A-32/Dec.4.8.1]

<u>Working document</u>	IOC/EC-57/4.1.Doc(1)	Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Governance
<u>References</u>	IOC/BRO/2019/5 rev.2	Global Ocean Observing System: 2030 Strategy
	Resolution XXVI-8	Terms of Reference for the GOOS Steering Committee (Group of Experts) (2011)
	IOC Technical Series, 51.7	Ocean Decade Challenge 7: Expand the Global Ocean Observing System

28. Ms Joanna Post, Head of the Ocean Observations & Services Section introduced this item. She referred to the advancements in ocean observing including in response to the GOOS Strategy 2030. There is increasing awareness of the imperative for sustainably expanding the global ocean observing system to be fit for purpose, recognizing the need for a critical national and global observing infrastructure and data ecosystem responsive to the needs of end users that supports ocean risk management, sustainable ocean planning and operational forecasting as well as scientific understanding.
29. Ms Post presented an overview of progress with reform of GOOS governance since Assembly [Decision A-32/4.8.1](#). She referenced the mandate of GOOS and the GOOS Steering Committee (Resolution XXVI-8, 2011). In accordance with its terms of reference, the GOOS Steering Committee comprises 15 nominated members: five experts appointed by Member State “Electoral Groups” during the IOC Assembly and 10 scientific and technical experts appointed by the Executive Secretary, in consultation with the IOC Officers and the cosponsors, as well as ex-officio members and invited experts. By IOC [Decision A-32/4.8.1](#), the Assembly noted the appointment of the five regional experts by the Member State Electoral Groups for each of the five IOC regions for 2024–2025. Due to completion of previous members terms of service, through IOC Circular Letter [2983](#) issued in January 2024, the Executive Secretary appointed 10 new scientific and technical experts in consultation with the IOC Officers and the cosponsors in May 2024 to support implementation of the GOOS mandate.
30. Furthermore, Ms Post referred to document IOC/EC-57/41.Doc(1) and proposed actions moving forward. In order to ensure that GOOS governance is fit for purpose, the report should be considered as a stepping stone in an evolving governance process, with IOC, WMO and other GOOS co-sponsors, which meets the needs and priorities of Member States. Consideration must be made of the terms of reference of sponsors and GOOS components, the changing landscape including within the context of the Ocean Decade and the Vision 2030, the need for an Earth Systems/co-design approach, IOC strategic positioning and planning, as well as mandates of relevant multilateral agreements.

Dec. EC-57/4.1

Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) Governance

The Executive Council,

1. Having examined document IOC/EC-57/4.1.Doc(1),
2. Restating that GOOS is a priority for the IOC,
3. Recalling the GOOS Strategy 2030 and noting the Vision 2030 white paper on Challenge 7 ‘*Expand the Global Ocean Observing Systems*’,
4. Mindful of Decision A-32/4.7,
5. Welcomes the information and proposed actions provided in the document IOC/EC-57/4.1.Doc(1);
6. Endorses the proposed actions to evolve GOOS governance as outlined in document IOC/EC-57/4.1.Doc(1), including any amendments as may be requested by Member States.

31. 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 PROGRESS REPORT ON OCEAN OBSERVATIONS
IN AREAS UNDER NATIONAL JURISDICTION
[A-32/Dec.4.8.2]

<u>Working document</u>	IOC/EC-57/4.2.Doc(1)	Progress Report of the IOC Ad hoc Intersessional Working Group on Ocean Observations in Areas under National Jurisdiction
<u>References</u>	GOOS Report, 246	Report of 'Ocean Observations in Areas under National Jurisdiction' (OONJ) Workshop, UNESCO, 12–13 February 2020

32. Ms Suzan M. El-Gharabawy, Co-Chair of the IOC *ad hoc* Intersessional Working Group on Ocean Observations in Areas under National Jurisdiction, introduced this agenda item. She reported the progress of the Working Group mandated through Decision A-32/4.8.2, highlighting that 25 Member States are represented.

33. The Working Group is methodically working through the information provided and will seek to draw on additional expert advice as needed. It will present the results from its work and any recommendations for action at the IOC Assembly in June 2025 as mandated.

Dec. EC-57/4.2

Progress Report of the IOC Ad hoc Intersessional Working Group on Ocean Observations in Areas under National Jurisdiction

The Executive Council,

1. Recalling Assembly decision A-32/4.8.2,
2. Welcomes the establishment of the Working Group and election of its co-chairs;
3. Having examined document IOC/EC-57/4.2.Doc(1),
4. Encourages the Working Group to continue its work, including reviewing any additional documents that may provide relevant information to support its work,
5. Encourages more Member States to contribute to the work of the group by responding to IOC Circular Letter 2971 and to give permission for their responses to be shared with the Working Group.

34. 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: _____.

4.3 DRAFT STRATEGY ON SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT
[A-32/Dec.4.7]

<u>Working document</u>	IOC/EC-57/4.3.Doc(1)	Draft Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management
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Information

IOC/INF-1537

Compendium of IOC Member State inputs to IOC Circular Letter 2968 (IOC-wide Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management)

UNSW SDR Hub Brief
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Survey and interviews to inform initiatives on sustainable ocean planning and management: Ocean Decade results brief.

35. Mr Julian Barbière, Head of the Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section, introduced this agenda item. He referred to recent advancement in the area of ocean management, the objectives of the IOC Medium-term Strategy (2022–2029) with focus on sustainable ocean economy and ocean planning and the recommendations of the IOS Evaluation calling *inter alia* for determining “the most appropriate organizational setting in view of IOC’s envisaged global role in science-based ocean management”, which have been acting as drivers for the formulation of an IOC-wide Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management. The Strategy also responds to the Statutes of IOC which calls *inter alia* for the application of ocean knowledge generated by the IOC “for the improvement of management, sustainable development, the protection of the marine environment, and the decision-making processes of its Member States” (Article 2, Purpose).
36. The Strategy aims are therefore to guide the contribution of the Commission across its programmes on ocean sciences, observation and data, early warning services and assessments, through the delivery of tailored science-based services, the dissemination of ecosystem-based management tools, assessment and related information products, as well as capacity development in support to sustainable ocean management. Mr Barbière recalled that an initial framework describing the scope of the Strategy and its development process was discussed by the Assembly at its 32nd session (refer to document [IOC/A-32/4.7.Doc\(1\)](#)).
37. By IOC Circular Letter [2968](#) of November 2023, the Secretariat collected further inputs on document IOC/A-32/4.7.Doc(1) from Member States and IOC programmes and technical bodies, with a view to presenting a draft version of the Strategy to the IOC Executive Council at its 57th session. To further guide the development of the Strategy, a survey was developed and rolled out to better understand the existing landscape in terms of sustainable ocean planning and management and identify needs of stakeholders in terms of technical and scientific support. The purpose of the survey was to collect views from the IOC community and partners (UN and non-UN) and other international stakeholders working along the whole value chain from research, observation, data, services, relevant information products to inform policy/management actions, and capacity development. This provided the basis for developing a initial draft of the Strategy which was presented to and discussed by IOC Member States at two online consultation sessions organised in May 2024. Further inputs were collected and incorporated in the final draft version of the Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management presented as document IOC/EC-57/4.3.Doc(1) Rev.

Dec. EC-57/4.3**Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management for 2024–2030**

The Executive Council,

1. Having examined document IOC/EC-57/4.3.Doc(1) Rev.,
2. Recognizing the importance for the IOC to develop a comprehensive framework to deliver knowledge and capacities for sustainable ocean planning and management needs of IOC Member States, in accordance with its statutes, and in support of the IOC Medium Term Strategy (2022–2029), and adopted Programme and Budget

2024–2025 (42 C/5),

3. Adopts the IOC wide-Strategy on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management for 2024–2030;
4. Decides to establish the IOC Working Group on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management with the Terms of Reference in the annex to this decision;
5. Requests the Working Group to report to the IOC Assembly at its 33rd Session.

Annex to Decision Dec. EC-57/4.3

[Draft] Terms of Reference the IOC Working Group on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management (WG-SOPM)

The IOC Working Group on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management is composed of representatives designated by IOC Regional Subsidiary Bodies and governing bodies of IOC programmes (where applicable), as well as experts nominated by IOC Member States responding to a call by circular letter.

The IOC Working Group on Sustainable Ocean Planning and Management (WG-SOPM) is responsible for the following tasks:

1. Advise on the effective implementation of the SOPM Strategy, monitor and guide the activities related to ocean planning and management across all IOC programmes, addressing specific programme-related issues as well as emerging issues.
2. Formulate and regularly update a biennial SOPM implementation plan in alignment with evolving tools and international scientific frameworks to be endorsed by the IOC Assembly;
3. Guide the regular assessment of Member States technical capacity needs related to SOPM and advise on the design of relevant IOC capacity development interventions, within the framework of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023–2030.
4. Provide inputs, as relevant, to the consultation process 'IOC and the Future of the Ocean: Sustainable Delivery and Expansion of IOC Activities' as it relates to the work of IOC on SOPM, and to the formulation of IOC Medium-Term Strategy process to be initiated in 2027.
5. Ensure coordination with and contributions to the Decade Programme of Sustainable Ocean Planning, and its interim advisory group.
6. Provide advice to Member States on promoting the visibility and reach of the IOC Strategy on SOPM to assist them in planning and implementing their national efforts.
7. Undertake new endeavours as requested by IOC governing bodies;
8. Report back to sessions of the IOC Assembly on the execution of the Strategy and implementation plan;

The Working Group will elect 2 co-chairs from its members, and its membership will be renewed every 4 years.

38. 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: _____.

4.4 GEBCO GOVERNANCE REVIEW (2023)
AND TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF USER REQUIREMENTS
[A-31/Dec.3.5.1; A-32/Dec.4.1]

<u>Working documents</u>	IOC/EC-57/4.4.Doc(1)	Report and Recommendations of the GEBCO Governance Review Project Team (2024)
	IOC/EC-57/4.4.Doc(2)	Triennial Review of the Working Group on User Requirements and Contributions to GEBCO Products (2024)
<u>Information</u>	IOC/INF-1538	New GEBCO Strategy

39. Vice-Chair Juan Forero Hauzeur, as Chair of the Working Group on User Requirements and Contributions to GEBCO Products, introduced this agenda item. He referred to the mandate of the Working Group established through Executive Council Decision EC-XLIX/Dec.4.4 in 2016, which inter alia aims to: (i) collect, integrate and assess user requirements to inform the development of present and future GEBCO products; and (ii) address ways for strengthening the contributions of IOC programmes and Member States activities to GEBCO data and products. In accordance with its terms and reference, the Working Group is comprised of representatives of IOC Member States and one expert each from the GEBCO Guiding Committee, and relevant IOC technical and regional subsidiary bodies (GLOSS, GOOS-SC, IODE, TOWS-WG, IOCAFRICA, IOCARIBE, IOCINDIO, IPHAB, WESTPAC and GOOS Regional Alliances). The current Working Group was re-established following its previous assessment in 2021, through IOC Circular Letter [2981](#) issued in December 2023. Its membership is composed of experts nominated by chairs of relevant IOC technical and regional subsidiary bodies and GOOS Regional Alliances, as well as national experts. The Vice Chair highlighted that the inputs were collected through an international survey sent out to IOC Member States through IOC Circular Letter [2989](#). Using the Nippon Foundation-GEBCO-Seabed 2030 project network, the survey was also disseminated to a wider group of ocean stakeholders, including industry and civil society organizations. The Vice-Chair then presented the main findings and recommendations of the Working Group referring to document IOC/EC-57/4.4.Doc(2).
40. Mr Sam Harper, IHO Technical Secretary and Chair of the GEBCO Governance Review Team highlighted that the Governance Review Report (IOC/EC-57/4.4.Doc(1)) provides an in-depth analysis of the entity's governance structures and practices, aimed at enhancing its operational efficiency and alignment with the strategic objectives of its parent organizations, the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the IOC. The review was motivated by the recognition of the rapidly changing ocean science and seabed mapping landscape, necessitating a more robust programme management and continuous improvement approach. Key components of the review include an examination of the organizational and governance arrangements within GEBCO, its committees, and its interactions with external bodies. The review also highlights the importance of GEBCO's work considering the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and the need for increased international coordination in ocean data collection. Findings and recommendations address the need for clearer governance structures, enhanced stakeholder engagement, risk management practices, and the establishment of a continuous improvement culture. The review emphasizes the importance of aligning GEBCO's work with the newly commissioned GEBCO Strategy (IOC/INF-1538), which was developed in parallel to this governance review.

Dec. EC-57/4.4

GEBCO Governance Review (2023) and Triennial Review of User Requirements

The Executive Council,

I - Triennial Review of User Requirements

1. Recalling Decision IOC/A-32/3.5.1 to, *inter alia*, conduct the Review of User Requirements and Potential Contributions to GEBCO on a biennial basis,
2. Having examined the report of the Working Group on User Requirements and Contributions to GEBCO Products presented in document IOC/EC-57/4.4.Doc(2),
3. Recognizing the continued need of the IOC scientific community for bathymetric products and the fact that access to high quality bathymetry is important not only for navigation, but also for other purposes including ocean science, tsunami warning and preparedness and climate modelling,
4. Noting that significant amounts of bathymetric data are collected by the scientific and commercial sector for purposes other than chart improvement, but are not easily made discoverable or available for secondary purposes,
5. Takes note of the conclusions of the working group contained in document IOC/EC-57/4.4.Doc(2);
6. Requests the Executive Secretary to:
 - (i) convey the conclusion of this review to the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) and the GEBCO Guiding Committee;
 - (ii) identify ways and means to increase the participation of respondents, particularly representing the interest of IOC programmes, as well as regional subsidiary organs, in future assessments carried out by the working group;
 - (iii) share the findings of the review with relevant IOC communities;
7. Decides to conduct the next Review of User Requirements and Potential Contributions to GEBCO, with the next assessment to be presented to the IOC Assembly in 2027;
8. Encourages Member States to:
 - (i) cooperate to advance basin-scale campaign mapping and accelerate the delivery of GEBCO objectives and general knowledge of the ocean in particular by supporting and contributing to the Nippon Foundation–GEBCO Seabed 2030 Project;
 - (ii) facilitate GEBCO capacity development, including training opportunities; and
 - (iii) actively participate in the next assessment, to be conducted by the working group;

II - GEBCO Governance Review and Strategy

9. Recalling IOC Decision A-32/Dec.4.1,
10. Having considered document IOC/EC-57/4.4.Doc(1) containing the Report and Recommendations of the GEBCO Governance Review Project Team (2024) and IOC/INF-1538, which presents the New GEBCO Strategy,
11. Takes note of the report and its recommendations, as well as of the GEBCO Strategy;
12. Requests the GEBCO Guiding Committee to consider the recommendations and develop an Implementation plan to act upon the recommendations of the GEBCO Governance Review and report to IOC Governing Bodies progress through the report of the GEBCO Chair to the IOC Assembly.

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: _____.

4.5 REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON THE 2ND EDITION
OF THE IOC STATE OF THE OCEAN REPORT (StOR)
[A-32/Dec.4.2]

<u>Working document</u>	IOC/EC-57/4.5.Doc(1)	Report on the Second edition of the 'IOC State of the Ocean Report' (StOR) and guidance for future editions
<u>Information</u>	IOC Technical Series, 190	Second edition of the IOC State of the Ocean Report (StOR)

42. Mr Matthias Wunsch, Member of the StOR Advisory Board (Germany) introduced this agenda item by referring to the Advisory Board's report and guidance on the second edition of the IOC State of the Ocean Report (StOR) (IOC/A-32/4.2.Doc(1)). The IOC's StOR 2024, published in June, presents the current state of the ocean in terms of its physical, chemical, ecological, socio-economic and governance aspects, and its future prospects, based on current studies and analyses mainly from IOC programmes and projects. The second edition of the StOR focuses on the seven [Outcomes](#) of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. The publication brings together contributions from 100 authors from 29 countries.
43. Mr Mathias Wunch emphasised the central role of the StOR Advisory Board in the scoping, reviewing and editing of the report since the IOC Assembly session in June 2023. The StOR Advisory Board consists of representatives from nine countries. The Secretariat with the support of the Advisory Board updated the concept note based on comments received during the IOC Assembly. The updated concept note was presented to IOC Member States through two online consultation sessions on 31 October 2023 (refer to Circular Letter [2963](#)). The concept note now directly indicates the target audience of the StOR, which is primarily policy-makers, while the information included can also serve as a source of information on the state of the ocean for the media. It also identifies the IOC programmes and affiliated projects as the primary source of information, while taking into account complementary data from other international organizations where necessary to provide a StOR covering all Ocean Decade Outcomes. It was agreed that the frequency should be regular but subject to the constraints of available financial and human resources.
44. He then invited the Council to endorse a regular publication of StOR, in line with the updated concept note, while noting that the publication will evolve in terms of content as science is advancing.

Dec. EC-57/4.5

Report on the Second Edition of the IOC State of the Ocean

The Executive Council,

1. Having examined document IOC/EC-57/4.5.Doc(1),
2. Welcomes the publication of the second edition of the IOC State of the Ocean Report 2024 published as IOC Technical Series, 189;
3. Appreciates the work of the StOR Advisory Board and its guidance;
4. Welcomes the updated concept note and the consultations hold as detailed in IOC

Circular Letter [2963](#);

5. Endorses the coordination and publication of the StOR on a regular basis under the guidance of the StOR Advisory Board, and subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources;
6. Invites IOC Member States to provide extrabudgetary financial resources to the realization of the IOC StOR.

45. 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: _____.

4.6 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IOC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (2023-2030)
[A-32/Dec.4.3]

<u>Working document</u>	IOC/EC-57/4.6.Doc(1)	Implementation of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2023–2030)
<u>Report</u>	IOC/GE-CD-V/3	Report of the Fifth Session of the IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development (27–29 February 2024, Paris, France)
<u>References</u>	IOC/INF-1433	IOC Capacity Development Strategy (2023–2030)
	IOC-32/4.3.Doc(2)	Outreach and Communications Plan to Promote the Visibility and Reach of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023–2030

46. Dr Alan Evans, Chair of the IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development (GE-CD) introduced this item. He reminded the Assembly of all the decisions that have guided the work of the group, from its establishment in 2017 (decision [IOC-XXIX/10.1](#)) to its mandate in 2021 to review the IOC Capacity Development Strategy and prepare a proposal to promote visibility and reach of the revised strategy (decision [A-31/3.5.3](#)). He recalled that throughout the years it has been the mandate of the Group to assist global and regional programmes in assessing capacity development needs, developing corresponding workplans, mobilizing resources and advising on relevant methods and tools for capacity development.

47. Through Decision [IOC-32/4.3](#), the Assembly at its 32nd session adopted the IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023–2030 published as document IOC/INF-1433 and its Outreach and Communications Plan ([IOC-32/4.3.Doc\(2\)](#)).

48. Dr Evans referred to the discussions at the fifth meeting of the Group of Experts on Capacity Development in February 2024 (refer to report [IOC/GE-CD-V/3](#)). While the Group has fulfilled the mandate given to it by the Assembly at its 31st session, the new IOC Capacity Development Strategy requires additional actions, such as: the development of an implementation plan; alignment with the new Capacity Development elements of the Decade such as the Capacity Development Facility (CDF) and the [White Paper on the Ocean Decade Challenge 9](#): “Skills, knowledge and technologies for all”; the development of Ocean CD-Hub; and further outreach and promotion in support of the new Strategy. The group and the secretariat were of the view that new and existing Capacity Development initiatives and efforts supporting the six outputs of the new Strategy would benefit from the continued role of the Group of Experts in informing and assisting the IOC Secretariat responsible for capacity development in implementing its related strategy.

49. At the fifth meeting of the group, the terms of reference were refined to reflect the requirements of the new IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023–2030, including its implementation plan, consultations with global programmes and regional subsidiary bodies for their capacity development workplans, and the necessary coordination with the capacity development objectives of the UN Decade of Ocean Sciences for Sustainable Development.
50. Mr Evans then explained that, as work on the implementation plan could not begin until the Assembly had adopted the IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023-2030 at its 32nd session, it had been agreed to propose to the Executive Council that the group continue with revised terms of reference and to seek their adoption at the present session of the Executive Council.

Dec. EC-57/4.6

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IOC CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (2023–2030)

The Executive Council,

1. Having examined document IOC/EC-57/4.6.Doc(1) and report IOC/GE-CD-V/3,
2. Recognizing the importance of Capacity Development as one of the six functions of the IOC Medium-Term Strategy (2022–2029), enabling all Member States to participate in, and benefit from, ocean research and services that are vital to sustainable development and human welfare on the planet,
3. Recalling the adoption of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023–2030 through IOC Decision A-32/4.3,
4. Mindful of the role of the GE-CD in informing and, where relevant, assisting the Secretariat in implementing IOC Capacity Development initiatives,
5. Decides to continue the IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development and to revise its Terms of Reference as in the annex to this decision ;
6. Requests the Executive Secretary to report to the Assembly at its 33rd Session.

Annex to Dec. EC-57/4.6

**[Draft) Terms of Reference
IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development (GE-CD)**

The IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development (GE-CD) is composed of experts nominated by IOC Member States responding to a call by circular letter detailing the GE-CD membership.

The IOC Group of Experts on Capacity Development (GE-CD) is responsible for the following tasks:

- (i) assist global and regional programmes with the implementation of capacity development needs assessments in a consistent manner;
- (ii) also assist global and regional programmes with the development of programmatic and regionally relevant capacity development work plans based on the IOC CD strategy and related needs assessments, building on ongoing activities and making use of existing training and education facilities;
- (iii) develop an implementation plan for the current IOC CD Strategy 2023-2030 for submission to the 33rd Session of the IOC Assembly in June 2025;

- (iv) provide advice to global and regional programmes on the implementation of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023-2030 and on relevant methods and tools to improve the quality and impact of CD efforts;
- (v) advise the IOC CD Secretariat on the design and implementation of the biennial CD survey in close collaboration with the regions, possibly including CD implementation impact monitoring/metrics, also taking into account other methods such as regional reviews, science conferences etc.;
- (vi) ensure coordination of the work of the Group of Experts and its Task Teams with GOSR and CD aspects of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, including the Capacity Development Facility and Working Group 9 of the Vision 2030;
- (vii) guide the further development and promotion of the Ocean CD-Hub by highlighting linkages of CD activities and collaboration opportunities between users and providers and among other global, regional and national organizations;
- (viii) provide advice to Member States on the promotion of visibility and reach of the IOC Capacity Development Strategy 2023-2030 to assist with the planning and implementation of their capacity development efforts.
- (ix) report results to the Assembly at its 33rd session.

51. 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: _____.

4.7 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, A-32/3]

<u>Working documents</u>	IOC/EC-57/4.7.Doc(1)	Status of Implementation of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and Perspectives for 2025
	IOC/EC-57/4.7.Doc(2)	Draft Scoping Framework for Ocean Decade Mid-Term Evaluation
<u>Information</u>	IOC/INF-1539	Status of IOC and non-IOC Decade Actions and Resource Needs
	IOC Ocean Decade Series, 50	Vision 2030 Outcomes Report

52. The Executive Secretary introduced this item. He highlighted that the Decade is now entering its fourth year of implementation and that the portfolio of Decade Actions and the network of decentralised coordination structures is continuing to grow rapidly. He recognised the importance of the 2024 Ocean Decade Conference (Barcelona, April 2024) and the resulting Barcelona Statement as a blueprint for the future priorities of the Decade. He thanked the Kingdom of Spain for hosting the Conference and highlighted, with thanks, the work of the members of the Working Groups of the Vision 2030 process, as well as all other partners that contributed to the success of the Conference. He underscored the importance of the work of the Decade Advisory Board in providing strategic guidance on the implementation of the priorities identified in the Vision 2030 Outcomes Report and The Barcelona Statement and thanked its co-chairs and members for their commitment.

53. He highlighted several recommendations that emerged from the Conference as being of particular relevance to Member States including the importance of national level action, enhanced policy drivers for science and knowledge generation, support and partnership with SIDS and LDCs, and required changes to the volume and structure of investment in ocean science initiatives and infrastructure. He encouraged all Member States to bear these priorities in mind in the development of their activities to support the Ocean Decade. Finally, he reminded Member States that a number of Decade Actions and coordination structures are led by IOC and that, if adequately resourced, these initiatives have the potential to substantively contribute to the sustained growth, positioning and impact of IOC.
54. Following the Executive Secretary's introduction, Mr Julian Barbière, Ocean Decade Coordinator a.i. supported by Ms Alison Clausen, Programme Specialist, presented an overview of the progress in operationalizing the Implementation Plan. He reported that to date, six Calls for Decade Actions have been concluded and have resulted in the endorsement of 52 Decade programmes, 320 Decade projects and 99 Decade contributions. The seventh Call for Decade Actions is currently open until 31 August 2024 and is focusing primarily on contributions of essential financial and in-kind resources to strengthen the portfolio of existing Decade Actions. He reported that while the portfolio of Decade Actions exhibits strong thematic diversity, there are still important gaps in SIDS and LDCs and reminded Member States that Call for Decade Actions No. 06/2023 had identified new Decade Actions from SIDS and LDCs that are being supported and mentored in processes of co-design. He indicated that future Calls for Decade Actions will increasingly target strategic geographic and thematic gaps in the overall ecosystem of Decade Actions based on the results of the Vision 2030 process.
55. Mr Barbière reported on the growing network of 12 decentralised coordination structures that are essential partners to coordinate and support existing Decade Actions, analyse gaps and future priorities, and catalyse new Decade Actions in response to future Calls for Decade Actions. He thanked partner institutions for their commitments in establishing decentralized coordination structures. He highlighted that the current Call for Decade Actions No. 07/2024 is also soliciting new decentralized coordination structures to fill critical thematic and geographic gaps. He also reminded the Executive Council that the Decade Coordination Offices led by IOC required additional resources to become fully operational.
56. He reported on the work of the Decade Advisory Board, whose membership was renewed in January 2024, and that met four times over the last 12 months. He acknowledged the work of the Board in making recommendations on Decade programme endorsement, as well as providing strategic advice on the implementation of the recommendations of the Vision 2030 process.
57. Mr Barbière confirmed that 39 National Decade Committees have been established and are operational but highlighted the uneven geographic distribution of these Committees with very few Committees in SIDS or LDCs. He highlighted that a key recommendation of the Vision 2030 process related to the strengthening of the role of National Decade Committees as a means of increasing national level activity in the Decade. He encouraged Member States to develop new National Decade Committees and indicated that the Decade Coordination Unit and existing group of National Decade Committees could provide mentoring and support to this process.
58. He outlined the contribution of IOC to the Decade in the form of Decade programmes and projects, the central Decade Coordination Unit, and the supporting role of its Sub-Commissions Secretariats acting as Decade Coordination Offices. He highlighted the strong potential for IOC-led Decade Actions and coordination structures to contribute to the strengthening and strategic expansion of IOC programmes and Regional Subsidiary Bodies, but noted the significant resource constraints that persist. He strongly encouraged Member States to provide additional in-kind and financial resources to support the central positioning of IOC within the Decade both in its coordination role as well as through its programmatic contributions.

59. Mr Barbière indicated that priorities for the Ocean Decade over the next 12 to 18 months will be guided by the outcomes of the Vision 2030 process and The Barcelona Statement and would include: strengthened mechanisms to ensure that policy needs drive science and knowledge generation, including at the national level; continued mechanisms to support the demonstrated commitment and engagement of SIDS and LDCs in the Decade, including via the Ocean Decade Capacity Development Facility; full operationalisation of processes to engage Indigenous and local knowledge holders in the Decade; enhanced efforts in resource mobilisation; and continued strengthening of coordination structures and processes.
60. He highlighted the importance of using the series of international events and conferences that have or will take place in 2024 and 2025 as platforms raise visibility of the outcomes of the Vision 2030 process and catalyse new partnerships and action. These events include: Our Ocean Conference (Greece, April 2024); the Fourth UN International SIDS Conference (Antigua & Barbuda, May 2024); Immersed in Change Congress (Costa Rica, June 2024); the 16th Conference of Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity (Colombia, November 2024); and the 29th Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC (Azerbaijan, November 2024); culminating in the 2025 United Nations Ocean Conference in Nice, France (June, 2025). These events will be held in a landscape of numerous regional and national events that will allow for the translation of the global Vision 2030 Outcomes to different geographic contexts.
61. He reminded the Executive Council that 2025 represents the mid-way point of the Ocean Decade and drew the attention of Member States to document IOC/EC-57/4.7.Doc(2) that outlines the draft Scoping Framework for the mid-term review of the Decade. He noted that the results and recommendations of this evaluation would be presented to the IOC Assembly at its 33rd Session in 2025.
62. Finally, Mr Barbière informed the Executive Council of the information documents related to the implementation of the Decade including updates on the status of Decade Actions and resource needs for IOC and partner-led initiatives, as well as a report on the work of the Decade Advisory Board, and the final Vision 2030 Outcomes Report (IOC Ocean Decade Series, 50. He reminded the Executive Council that the Decade was a voluntary mechanism, and that coordination was resourced entirely from extrabudgetary sources. He highlighted the call made to Member States through previous circular letters to provide in-kind and financial support to the Decade and warmly thanked those Member States and partners who have provided essential support to Decade coordination and Decade Actions.

Draft Resolution EC-57/[4.7] [to be completed]

Submitted by

Title

The Executive Council,

1. **Recalling**
- 2.

63. 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 [Statutes Art. 6B]

5.1 REVISED PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2024–2025 (42 C/5) AND PROVISIONAL PROPOSALS FOR 2026–2027 (DRAFT 43 C/5)

<u>Working documents</u>	IOC/EC-57/5.1.Doc(1)	Revised Programme and Budget for 2024–2025 (42 C/5) and Provisional Proposals for 2026–2027 (Draft 43 C/5)
<u>Information</u>	IOC/EC-57/5.2.Doc(2)	Report of the Chair of the Intersessional Financial Advisory Group (intersessional period January–June 2024)
<u>References</u>	IOC/A-32/6.1.Doc(1)	Draft Programme and Budget for 2022–2025 (Second Biennium 2024–2025 – 42 C/5)

64. The IOC Executive Secretary introduced this item. He started by thanking Member States for their support that made it possible for the UNESCO Executive Board at its 216th session in May 2023, to recommend to the UNESCO General Conference, at its 42nd session, that it approves a 1% increase in the IOC's share of the UNESCO regular budget, which is not to be decreased by transfers of funds to other parts of the budget, and that *'a baseline be identified and agreed for the IOC's share of UNESCO's regular budget under document 42 C/5 and future C/5 documents and that no reduction to this baseline be made in the future unless agreed by the General Conference'* (216 EX/Decision 44).
65. With this recommendation taken on board by the UNESCO General Conference and the adoption of the revised budget ceiling due to the United States of America re-joining the Organization in July 2023, the IOC regular budget for 2024–2025 (42 C/5) increased from US\$ 13.5M (as considered by the Assembly at its 32nd session) to US\$ 21.1M.
66. The IOC Executive Secretary highlighted that in developing its 2024–2025 workplans the Secretariat was guided by the following high-level principles adopted by IOC Member States in [IOC Resolution A-32/4.II](#) for the allocation of additional resources under regular budget, with a view to *'stabilizing the functions of the IOC, including human resources, to address shortfalls and critical risks in order to provide a strong platform for the future'*:
- ensure that an increase of no less than 1% of the IOC regular budget is allocated to IOCAFRICA;
 - aim at respecting the ratio of staff versus non-staff costs supported from regular budget, as previously advised by the IOC Assembly in [Resolution XXVII-2](#);
 - ensure that at least one third of additional resources is allocated to 'stabilize all IOC existing functions, with the indicative pro-rata basis for distribution included in Annex 1 to IOC Resolution A-32/4;
 - allocate at least one third of additional resources for targeted investment focused on critically vulnerable areas:
 - IODE
 - GOOS
 - Capacity Development
 - Regional Subsidiary bodies.
67. With the details of budgetary allocations provided in document IOC/EC-57/5.1.Doc(1), the summary of key changes introduced regarding regular budget is as follows:
- 32% of additional non-staff resources allocated across the board to stabilise all IOC functions;

- 68% of additional non-staff resources allocated to targeted investment in IODE, GOOS, Capacity Development and Regional Subsidiary bodies;
- IOCAFRICA non-staff regular budget increased by 3% of the total IOC regular budget in the [42 C/5 Approved](#) – from US\$ 239K to US\$ 937K;
- Overall additional resources 73% of additional resources were allocated to ‘field’ entities and 27% to Headquarters (HQ);
- 1 new post was created at HQ for GOOS;
- 4 new posts were created in the field: 1 for IODE in Ostend; 1 to reinforce IOCAFRICA Secretariat in Nairobi, 1 for the new IOCINDIO Secretariat to be established in consultation with Member States and 1 to reinforce our action in favour of Pacific SIDS;
- Intersectoral output 3.IP2 (strengthening Ocean Literacy in UNESCO designated sites) shows a 69% increase;
- Staff/non-Staff ratio: 57% staff and 43% non-staff (compared to 74% and 26% in the scenario considered by the Assembly, with the IOC Assembly Resolution XXVI-2 calling for no less than 25% of regular budget for non-staff).

68. Mr Helgesen also pointed out that, to complement the narrative provided to the UNESCO 42 C/5 Approved, the document presented to the Executive Council provides a more detailed overview of enhanced programme delivery by function and priority areas.

69. He concluded by briefly presenting the process and the timeline for the preparation of the UNESCO Draft 43 C/5 (Programme and Budget for 2026–2029, first biennium 2026–2027). With insufficient time for adequate consultation with Member States, the Secretariat’s proposal in document IOC/EC-5.7/5.1.Doc(1) is that work in the first biennium of the 43 C/5 continue to support **IOC Output 1: ‘Member States critically supported in strengthening their capacity to conduct marine scientific research, generate knowledge, and develop and implement science-based tools, services and policies in order to reverse the decline in ocean health and accelerate the transition towards sustainable management of ocean-related risks and opportunities.**

70. In accordance with IOC Resolution A-32/4 of the IOC Assembly (2023), the Secretariat shall make every effort, in the draft programme and budget proposal for 2026–2029 (first biennium 2026–2027), to reflect the IOC priorities in terms of long-term sustained observations and data and information management, as well as regional subsidiary bodies and activities and Member States’ capacity building, which are fundamental to the achievement of the Commission’s High Level Objectives 2022–2029. This work will be further guided by the Member States’ consultation process ‘IOC and the Future of the Ocean’ so as to take stock and review how the Commission can best contribute to larger development change in the areas of its mandate.

Dec. EC-57/5.1

Governance, Programming and Budgeting Matters of the Commission

The Executive Council,

1. Having examined IOC/EC-57/5.1.Doc(1),
2. Takes note of document IOC/EC-57/5.1.Doc(1) subject to further examination by the Financial Committee with a view of formulating a draft resolution for discussion in plenary under agenda item 5.4 and subsequent adoption.

71. 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 ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO THE IOS EVALUATION OF THE IOC'S STRATEGIC POSITIONING – UPDATE ON IMPLEMENTATION
[Dec. EC-55/3.2; Res. A-32/4(IV)]

<u>Working documents</u>	IOC/EC-57/5.2.Doc(1)	Action Plan in Response to the IOS Evaluation of the IOC's Strategic Positioning – Update on Implementation
	IOC/EC-57/5.2.Doc(2)	Report of the Chair of the Intersessional Financial Advisory Group (intersessional period January–June 2024)
<u>Reference</u>	IOS/EVS/PI/197	Evaluation of the strategic positioning of IOC-UNESCO

72. The IOC Executive Secretary reminded the Council of IOC Resolution A-32/4.IV of the Assembly at its 32nd Session that adopted the Action Plan as presented in [IOC/A-32/6.3.Doc\(1\)](#) and requested the IOC Executive Secretary to '*move forward with its implementation considering the IOC's evolving situation, including the resources available, proposing adjustments accordingly and reporting on progress both to IOC and UNESCO Governing Bodies*'.

73. Mr Helgesen highlighted that while some actions are already implemented and for some the work is in progress, a number of strategic actions will require further reflection by the Secretariat and consultation with Member States in the context of the new phase of the 'IOC and the Future of the Ocean' consultation. The 33rd session of the IOC Assembly in June 2025 will be an important milestone.

Dec. EC-57/5.2

Action Plan in Response to the IOS Evaluation of the IOC's Strategic Positioning – Update on Implementation

The Executive Council,

1. Having examined IOC/EC-57/5.2.Doc(1),
2. Takes note of document IOC/EC-57/5.2.Doc(1) subject to further examination by the Financial Committee with a view of formulating a draft resolution for discussion in plenary under agenda item 5.4 and subsequent adoption.

74. 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 FOLLOW-UP TO RESOLUTION A-32/4: GOVERNANCE, PROGRAMMING AND BUDGETING MATTERS OF THE COMMISSION
[RES. A-32/4]

<u>Working document</u>	IOC/EC-57/5.3.Doc(1)	Draft Guidelines for the preparation and participation of Member States in the Biennial Elections for IOC Chair and Vice-Chairs (Officers of the Commission) and Member States of the Executive Council
<u>References</u>	IOC/INF-1148	IOC Statutes

75. The IOC Executive Secretary reminded the Council of [IOC Resolution A-32/4](#) of the Assembly at its 32nd Session, as well as of the recently completed process of adoption of the revised IOC Rules of Procedure, now published as document IOC/INF-1166 Rev. The Draft Guidelines for the preparation and participation of Member States in the Biennial Elections for IOC Chair and Vice-Chairs (Officers of the Commission) and Member States of the Executive Council (IOC/EC-57/5.3.Doc(1)) are presented to the Executive Council for review and comments, with a view to finalising them for the 33rd session of the IOC Assembly. In accordance with Member States' request, an information meeting will be organised ahead of the session to facilitate preparations.

Dec. EC-57/5.3

Follow-Up to Resolution A-32/4: Governance, Programming and Budgeting Matters of the Commission

The Executive Council,

1. Having examined IOC/EC-57/5.3.Doc(1),
2. Takes note of the Draft Guidelines for the preparation and participation of Member States in the Biennial Elections for IOC Chair and Vice-Chairs (Officers of the Commission) and Member States of the Executive Council, subject to further examination by the Financial Committee with a view of formulating a draft resolution for discussion in plenary under agenda item 5.4 and subsequent adoption.

76. 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: _____.

5.4 REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE
[Statutes Art. 1.2]

77. The Chair of the Financial Committee, Vice-Chair of IOC Juan Forero Hauzeur (Colombia), 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 ones foreseen in the Rule of Procedure 45.1(c).

Draft Resolution EC-57/[5.4]

Submitted by _____

Governance, Programming and Budgeting Matters of the Commission

The Executive Council,

1. Having examined documents

[Draft Resolution to be finalised during the session]

78. 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. PREPARATION OF THE NEXT SESSIONS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

[Rule of procedure 53.2; Dec. A-32/6.6]

79. The Executive Secretary reminded the Council of IOC Decision A-32/6.6 of the Assembly at its 32nd Session.

Dec. EC-57/6

Preparation of the 33rd Session of the Assembly and next Sessions of the Executive Council

The Executive Council,

1. Recalling the recommendations of the Executive Council at its 55th session (Dec. EC-55/5.3) on the duration of its sessions and IOC Decision A-32/6.6 of the Assembly at its 32nd Session,
2. Decides to hold:
 - (i) the 33rd session of the Assembly for a duration of 6.5 days plus one Ocean Science Day, at UNESCO Headquarters, in June–July 2025, preceded by a one-day session of the Executive Council (58th session) acting as the steering committee of the Assembly;
 - (ii) The 59th session of the Executive Council for 3.5 days in UNESCO Headquarters, Paris over the period of _____ 2026.

80. 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: _____.

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

[Statutes Art. C.7; Rule of Procedure 30]

81. The IOC Chair thanked the Rapporteur Mr/Ms _____ from [country] for his/her excellent work in support of the work of the session.
82. The Chair of the Resolutions Committee reported to the Council on the work of the Committee during the session (Annex ___ to the present report).
83. 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-57/7

Adoption of Resolutions and Modalities for the Finalisation of the Report

The Executive Council,

1. Recalling the recommendations of the Executive Council at its 52nd session (EC-LII, Dec.3.3) on organization matters,
2. Adopts the decisions and ___ resolutions of the session as in document IOC/EC-57/Decisions;
3. Takes note of the draft summary report of the session prepared by the Secretariat;
4. Requests the Executive Secretary to circulate the narrative part of the report to Member States in the four working languages of the Commission by September 2024 at the latest.

84. 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

85. The Council met in plenary session during ___ days from 25 to 28 June 2024, considered ___ items on its agenda and approved ___ decisions and _ resolutions. The plenary meeting was supported by ___ preparatory meetings, ___ side meetings, ___ informational meetings and ___ meetings of sessional committees. The gender ratio of Executive Council Member State representatives and all participants, including speakers, was ___ : ___ (female:male).
86. The IOC Chair closed the 57th session of the Executive Council at _____ Paris time.