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To : IOC National Coordinating Bodies for Liaison (IOC Member States)  
National Commissions for UNESCO, and  
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO of IOC Member States  
Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of IOC and IOC subsidiary bodies  
ICG/IOTWMS Tsunami National Contacts  
Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization

**Subject: Withdrawal of Vice-Chair (electoral Group IV) of the Commission and nomination of the Technical Secretary of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/IOTWMS)**

With this letter, we would like to inform you that Mr Srinivas Kumar Tummala has announced his withdrawal as Vice-Chair of Electoral Group IV following his recent appointment as Technical Secretary of the ICG/IOTWMS and his nomination as a staff member of UNESCO-IOC as of 31 October 2024. As part of his elective term as IOC Officer, Mr Tummala has been also serving as Chair of the Working Group on Tsunamis and Other Hazards related to Sea-Level Warning and Mitigation Systems, Chair of the Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme Science Committee and Co-Chair of the Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board.

As Chairperson of the Commission, I will ensure that these responsibilities are reassigned among Officers as soon as possible, given the tight schedule.

In accordance with IOC Rules of Procedure, Mr Tummala will not be replaced as Vice-Chair of the Commission until the next elections, which will be held during the 33rd session of our Assembly at UNESCO headquarters from 25 June to 3 July 2025.

Mr Kumar Tummala (India) will take up his duties as Technical Secretary of the ICG/IOTWMS on 31 October 2024 at the Bureau of Meteorology in Perth, Australia. Mr Kumar Tummala is well known to the tsunami community and the IOC through his active participation in the ICG/IOTWMS and IOC governance. He served in this capacity from October 2016 to August 2020.

Mr Kumar Tummala will provide rigorous and effective support to the development of the Indian Ocean Tsunami Warning System and will ably accompany the continued commitment of the Member States in the region.

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While we regret that Mr Tummala will not be able to complete his term of office and will not be accompanying us throughout the period of preparation for the next IOC Assembly, we thank Mr Tummala for his service as Vice-Chair of the Commission since June 2021.

In my capacity as Chairperson, I remain at the disposal of all IOC Member States, in particular the members of Electoral Group IV, to listen to and relay the issues they wish to see raised at the Officers' Meeting to be held in Paris from 13 to 15 January 2025.

With the assurances of our highest consideration, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

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