Agenda item 4.2

The Future Needs for Intergovernmental Coordination and Governance for Sustained Ocean Observations & Services

The Executive Council,

1. **Recalling** Decision 4.7 of the 26th Session of the IOC Assembly,

2. **Having examined** documents IOC/EC-XLV/2 Annex 5, IOC/INF-1291, IOC Workshop Report, 250 and IOC/Future-I/3,

3. **Takes note** of their findings and recommendations as well as the extensive discussions and input provided during the Session;

4. **Decides** to establish an inter-sessional consultation of all Member States and coordinated by a Vice-Chair to identify scientific and technical issues within the IOC mission and mandate, in order to improve IOC’s activities in the area of sustained ocean observations and services;

5. **Further decides** that the consultation shall be conducted by correspondence and that a report shall be submitted to the Assembly at its 27th Session through the Executive Council.