To: ICG/NEAMTWS Tsunami Warning Focal Points (TWFP) and Tsunami National Contacts (TNC)
ICG/NEAMTWS Chair and Vice-Chairs
ICG/NEAMTWS Steering Committee

cc: Official National Coordinating Body for liaison with the IOC Member States
Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
Observers to NEAMTWS

Subject: Nomination of experts for the NEAMTWS Candidate Tsunami Service Providers (CTSPs) Accreditation

The Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the North-Eastern Atlantic Mediterranean and connected seas Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/NEAMTWS) has decided that CTSPs should undergo an accreditation evaluation before they can be formally changed from being a “Candidate Tsunami Service Provider (CTSP)” to being a “Tsunami Service Provider (TSP)”.

The ICG/NEAMTWS at its twelfth session (16-18 November 2015, Dublin, Ireland) agreed on the process and the procedures for carrying out the ICG/NEAMTWS accreditation of a CTSP along with the criteria given in the following document:


The ICG/NEAMTWS accreditation process will be managed by an accreditation team of at least three experts. When the accreditation team considers that the CTSP is ready, an evaluation will be organized by the accreditation team with the contribution of the Tsunami National Contact (TNC) of the country involved who is responsible for the organization of the evaluation.

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The ICG/NEAMTWS Accreditation Team will be composed as follows:

1. one expert of NEAM Member States with a Candidate TSP or an already accredited TSP;
2. one expert of another NEAM Member state;
3. plus one expert.

The accreditation team will be selected by the Steering Committee for the ICG/NEAMTWS.

In compliance with the recommendations of the ICG/NEAMTWS-XII, I am pleased to invite you to nominate potential experts for the accreditation teams, and I kindly ask you to forward the name(s) and Curriculum Vitae of the expert(s) no later than 15 March 2016 to Denis Chang Seng, Technical Secretary for ICG/NEAMTWS (d.chang-seng@unesco.org). It is expected that nominated expert(s) will have some familiarity with tsunami watch operation, or with tsunami warning system activities and governance.

In Circular Letters 2447, 2454 and 2536, I have informed that France, Turkey, Greece and Italy have confirmed that their National Tsunami Warning Centres are ready to act as Candidate Tsunami Service Providers (CTSPs) to those members of NEAMTWS that would request such services. At the time of this circular letter, IOC has received two requests for TSP accreditation.

Looking forward to your earliest reply, I remain,

[signed]

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