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To : IOC Member States (Official National Coordinating Bodies for liaison with the IOC)

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Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO, and National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States

cc. : The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Commission

Officers of Major IOC Subsidiary Bodies (Scientific, Technical and Regional)

Subject: Contributions to the Second World Tsunami Awareness Day (5 November 2017)

5th November was designated as World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD) by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2015 through its Resolution A/RES/70/203. The resolution requested that the United Nations Office for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR), in collaboration with relevant organizations of the United Nations system, facilitate the observance of WTAD, starting in 2016.

At the 49th session in 2016, the IOC Executive Council through Decision EC-XLIX/3.4 welcomed the establishment of WTAD and invited Member States through Circular Letter 2640 to observe the first WTAD in an appropriate manner and in accordance with national priorities in order to raise public awareness of the risk caused by tsunamis.

The second WTAD will particularly aim to contribute towards Target 2 of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030:

Substantially reduce the number of affected people globally by 2030, aiming to lower the average global figure per 100,000 between 2020–2030 compared to 2005–2015.

I invite you to consider events, which can be organized to celebrate WTAD in your countries or regions and inform the Secretariat of your efforts. Please kindly send the requested information about the events contributing to the WTAD to the IOC Headquarters to the attention of Mr Thorkild Aarup (t;aarup@unesco.org), Head of the IOC Tsunami Unit.
Further information about WTAD can be found at http://www.unisdr.org/2017/tsunamiday/#event

Looking forward to your active participation, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

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Executive Secretary