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Subject: **Letter of Invitation to the Twentieth Session of the International Co-ordination Group for the Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific (ITSU-XX), 3-7 October 2005, Valparaíso, Chile**

Dear Sir/Madam,

By means of this letter I am pleased to invite you to the Twentieth Session of ICG/ITSU which will take place in Valparaíso, Chile from 3-7 October 2005 at the Gala Hotel. **The Provisional Agenda** and **Timetable** are attached. I will appreciate if you can inform us as soon as possible of the name(s) of your representative(s) in the Session.

As has become tradition, an IUGG/ITSU Workshop will be organized back-to-back with the Session. This year the event will be entitled “*Tsunami Hazard Mitigation and Risk Assessment*”, and will be held in Santiago, Chile between 29 and 30 September 2005 (at the National Emergency Office Headquarters). We hope that your representative(s) will be able to participate in the Workshop.

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I would appreciate it if you provide the IOC Secretariat with your **National Report, not later than 1 September 2005**, in order to give participants time to get acquainted with your achievements. National Reports should be submitted in an electronic format and contain a short summary for easy publication in the Tsunami Newsletter. We have included the format in which the Reports should be submitted, so as to enable the Secretariat to easily compile them.

All inquiries regarding ITSU-XIX should be addressed to Mr. Peter Pissierssens, Head, Ocean Services (E-mail: [p.pissierssens@unesco.org](mailto:p.pissierssens@unesco.org)). All Working Documents will be posted on the ITSU web site on <http://ioc.unesco.org/itsu>, as they become available. We recommend that you visit this site regularly to obtain all working documents.

The ICG/ITSU Session and Workshop will be conducted in English only. I note that, due to budget restrictions and in accordance with the IOC Manual, it will not be possible to provide support for participants.

Looking forward to your earliest reply, I remain, yours sincerely,

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