

Resolution ITSU-XX.2

**INTER-SESSIONAL WORKING GROUP ON THE MEDIUM TERM STRATEGY  
FOR THE PACIFIC TSUNAMI WARNING AND MITIGATION SYSTEM**

The International Coordination Group for the Tsunami Warning System in the Pacific,

**Recalling** the devastating impact of the Indian Ocean tsunami of 26 December 2004,

**Stressing** the need for the UN agencies and other partners to work together, reinforcing each other's core areas of expertise,

**Noting with appreciation** the excellent collaboration between IOC, WMO and ISDR in the establishment of the Indian Ocean tsunami warning and mitigation system,

**Recognizing** the new context of an end-to-end framework and taking into consideration the need to further develop and maintain national systems in a multi-hazard context,

**Decides** to establish an inter-sessional working group for the development of a medium-term strategy for the Pacific tsunami warning and mitigation system;

**Decides** that the Group will be composed of Australia, Canada, Japan and New Zealand and will be chaired by Australia. Other members may be added at the discretion of the Group's Chair;

**Decides further** that the Group will work by e-mail correspondence;

**Requests** the Group to take into consideration:

- (i) the work of the inter-sessional working groups on seismic measurements, data collection and exchange; sea-level measurements, data collection and exchange; tsunami hazard identification and characterization; resilience building and emergency management; and interoperability of regional, sub-regional and national tsunami warning systems in the Pacific, established by the ICG/PTWS and other ICGs, as well as any cross-cutting matters between the ICGs;
- (ii) the *ITSU Master Plan*;
- (iii) capacity building requirements of new and existing Member States of the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System, as revealed by relevant assessments or as indicated by the Member States;

**Instructs** the Group to submit to the Twenty-first Session of the ICG/PTWS, a draft of the medium-term strategy for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System.

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Financial implications: none