

Attachment I

**Recommendation ICG/PTWS-XXIV.3
PTWS Exercises**

The Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS),

Recalling Recommendation ICG/PTWS-XXIII.2,

Emphasising that 99% of deaths caused by tsunamis in the Pacific since the establishment of the PTWS is the result of local tsunamis,

Noting that during the inter-sessional period 2009–2011, three destructive and deadly tsunamis occurred in the Pacific, which placed PTWS countries in various levels of warning for distant tsunamis, and locally, five countries were impacted nearly immediately with people having only 10–30 minutes before the first large waves hit,

Recognizing all communities at risk need to be prepared for the next tsunami,

Recognising further that drills and exercises are an effective and important way to increase readiness and raise awareness,

Noting that the ICG/PTWS-XXIV agreed that PTWC should proceed with its development of improved tsunami procedures and products,

Decides to conduct Exercise Pacific Wave 2011 (PACWAVE 11) on 9 and 10 November 2011 and to continue with the PTWS Task Team on PACWAVE 11;

Decides further that:

1. The objectives of PACWAVE 11 will be to evaluate the readiness to respond to a local/regional source tsunami, and to also evaluate the understanding and use of new PTWC experimental products,
2. PACWAVE 11 will be conducted as a multi-scenario exercise with major tsunamis originating in various seismic zones of the Pacific to complement previous scenarios in other places,
3. The exercise manual including instructions to Member States regarding the exercise conduct and the evaluation instrument be prepared taking into account lessons learned and any need to collect additional information, provide feedback on the PTWC new products, and the recommendations of TOWS-WG Inter-ICG Task Team 2,
4. The exercise manual be distributed to Member States at least 90 days in advance of the exercise date,
5. An exercise guideline, How to Plan, Conduct, and Evaluate Tsunami Exercises be prepared in order to assist countries in preparing for PACWAVE 11 in collaboration with TOWS-WG Inter-ICG Task Team 2,
6. Participating Member States be asked to complete and return the evaluation instrument no more than 90 days following the exercise,
7. The PTWS Task Team on PACWAVE 11 and PTWS Task Team on Enhancing Products to meet after the exercise evaluation to compile a list of actions from the findings for consideration by the ICG/PTWS-XXV.

Financial implications: None