

**Resolution XV-8**

**GLOBAL SEA-LEVEL OBSERVING SYSTEM (GLOSS)**

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission,

**Having reviewed** the proposed Implementation Plan for GLOSS (Doc. IOC-XV/8 Annex 4),

**Noting** Recommendation TC-OPC-III.4 of the Third Session of the IOC Technical Committee on Ocean Processes and Climate formulated on the basis of recommendations of the First Session of the Group of Experts on GLOSS, held at Bidston, UK, 19-23 June 1989,

**Noting** also with appreciation the assistance provided by Australia, France, Federal Republic of Germany, India, Sweden, United Kingdom, and United States to developing countries in setting up GLOSS stations and training their specialists,

**Approves** the GLOSS Implementation Plan (Doc. IOC-XV/8 Annex 4), and its publication in the IOC Technical series;

**Urges** Member States to participate actively in GLOSS by establishing GLOSS stations and implementing the transfer of data by the most effective means;

**Approves** the GLOSS Work Plan for 1990-1991 prepared by the First Session of the Group of Experts on GLOSS;

**Invites** Member States to contribute to the IOC Trust Fund so that the implementation of actions proposed in the GLOSS Implementation Plan can be furthered;

**Urges** Member States to continue their assistance to developing countries in setting up GLOSS stations and training specialists from such countries through IOC or on a bilateral and/or multilateral basis;

**Decides** to publish a GLOSS Brochure, Newsletter and Handbook, and **instructs** the Secretary to make the necessary arrangements for such publication;

**Requests** the regional subsidiary bodies of the Commission, particularly IOCARIBE and IOCEA at their forthcoming meetings, to consider the implementation of regional components of GLOSS and ways in which they can assist in the co-ordination and implementation of the GLOSS programme.

**Resolution XV-9**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IOC SUB-COMMISSION  
FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC (WESTPAC)**

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission,

**Recalling** Recommendation WESTPAC-IV.1, in which the Regional Committee for WESTPAC has requested the Assembly to establish an IOC Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific (WESTPAC) to replace the present Regional Committee,

**Recalling** the Guidelines for the Structure and Responsibilities of IOC Sub-Commissions (ref: Summary Report of the Twelfth Session of the IOC Assembly (Document SC/MD/73, Annex V, November 1982) which set basic conditions for the establishment of a regional Sub-Commission,

**Noting with satisfaction** the considerable progress achieved by WESTPAC during the past ten years, as summarized in Document IOC/INF-773,

**Appreciating** the financial and in-kind contributions of Member States over the past ten years,

**Being satisfied** that the budget and secretariat requirements for the Regional Sub-Commission will be made available by the IOC and Member States through, inter alia, contributions to trust funds such as those of IOC and Unesco, the IOC Regular Programme, and contributions in kind,

**Establishes** the IOC Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific (WESTPAC) with the Terms of Reference given in Annex I to this Resolution, to replace the Regional Committee established by Resolution X-11, and to become operative with the convening of the First Session of the Sub-Commission;

**Instructs** the Secretary IOC to invite all interested Member States of the Commission to contribute to WESTPAC's future development.

**Annex to Resolution XV-9**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE  
SUB-COMMISSION FOR THE WESTERN PACIFIC**

The Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific shall endeavour to:

- (i) define regional problems, the solution of which calls for international co-operation, and promote, develop and co-ordinate the required marine scientific research programmes and related activities;
- (ii) implement and co-ordinate the regional components of global marine scientific research programmes and activities of the Commission;
- (iii) promote the development and use, at the regional level, of ocean services and related supporting activities, co-ordinated or maintained by the Commission;
- (iv) facilitate the exchange of scientific data and information and the transfer of knowledge resulting from marine scientific research, especially to developing countries in the region;
- (v) assist with the identification of training, education and mutual assistance needs in the region, particularly those relating to the programmes of the Sub-Commission, and promote the required TEMA activities;
- (vi) make recommendations to the governing bodies of the Commission on policy matters, and submit proposals on the budgetary and other forms of support required for the programme of work of the Sub-Commission;
- (vii) co-operate with other subsidiary bodies of the Commission on technical matters of common interest;
- (viii) provide general guidance and serve as a mechanism for Member States for the formulation, evaluation and follow-up of proposals for extra-budgetary projects aimed at strengthening national and regional capabilities in marine scientific research and the establishment of common institutions, services and facilities (e.g. centres, networks, etc.);
- (ix) co-operate with the regional subsidiary bodies of the UN organizations members of ICSPRO and of other UN organizations as well as regional bodies collaborating with the Commission;
- (x) when appropriate:

- (a) form Task Teams to carry out specific assignments,
- (b) establish Groups of Experts, and
- (c) organize technical meetings (e.g., workshops), provided costs fall within the budget allocated to them or extrabudgetary funding is available for that purpose; otherwise recommendations to that effect shall be submitted to the governing bodies of the Commission for their consideration and approval.

**Membership:** Membership shall be open to all interested Member States of the Commission willing to participate actively in the work of the regional Sub-Commission.

#### Resolution XV-10

### IOC CONTRIBUTION TO THE THIRD UNESCO MEDIUM-TERM PLAN

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission,

**Recalling** the views expressed by the IOC Executive Council at its Twenty-first Session and by its Fourteenth Assembly, through Resolutions EC-XXI.7 and XIV-16,

**Further recalling** that, in regard to the Second Unesco Medium-Term Plan, the Commission, through Resolution EC-XIV.1, had made clear its position that a doubling in resources and staff was required in order that the IOC might respond to the wishes of its Member States and carry out the programmes considered as being of vital importance to scientific and socio-economic development,

**Bearing in mind** that the revisions to the IOC Statutes, as approved by the Twenty-fourth Unesco General Conference, have broadened its functions and mandate and conferred upon the Commission functional autonomy within Unesco,

**Reaffirming** its position taken in Resolution EC-XXI.7 and the advice provided therein to Unesco, duly transmitted, in accordance with Article 2 (i) of the Statutes of the Commission, to the Director-General as the IOC contribution to formulation of the Draft Third Unesco Medium-Term Plan,

**Emphasizing** that the ocean plays a key role in global change, and that the Commission is the competent body within the UN System to address marine aspects of global change,

**Having studied** the IOC component of the Draft Third Unesco Medium-Term Plan (Draft 25C/4) contained within Sub-programme II.2.2 in the light of the proposals made by the Commission to Unesco on this matter,

**Stresses** the necessity, as decided by the Twenty-third General Conference, of giving high visibility to the IOC Programmes within the medium-term programming of Unesco and the biennial programme and budget documents:

**Conveys** to the Director-General its position that it is most imperative to begin to rebuild the IOC Secretariat, initially by the re-establishment of abolished posts, so that the core staffing of the Commission, as provided by Unesco, meets the basic requirements of programme implementation;

**Considers** it important to convey to the Director-General its view that the IOC component of the Draft Third Unesco Medium-Term Plan as found in the Draft 25 C/4 does not adequately reflect the views of the Commission and recommendations made to Unesco as provided for under Article 2 (i) of the IOC Statutes;