Recommendation ICG/CARIBE-EWS-VIII.1

Public Awareness, Education and Resilience

The Intergovernmental Coordination Group for Tsunami and Other Coastal Hazards Warning System for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions,

Recognizing the progress made in establishing the Caribbean Tsunami Information Centre (CTIC),

Noting the effort of several Member States in raising the level of awareness of the tsunami and other coastal hazards in their respective jurisdictions;

Requests that Working Group II focus on producing operational products available for the countries so that emergency managers can determine their highest areas of risk and focus their efforts on developing early warning capacities for those areas;

Requests that Working Group 4 encourage Member States to provide the technical specifications to facilitate the production of these operational products;

Instructs Working Group 4 to establish a Task Team to develop a strategy or business proposal for a Performance Based Tsunami Recognition Programme,

Requests the Secretariat to inform the Member States on the establishment of CTIC and request their voluntary financial and technical contributions to facilitate its functions and operations, including in-kind assistance and secondments;

Approves new terms of reference for Working Group 4 as in Annex 1,

Approves the proposed Training and Implementation Strategy scheduled for 2013,

Approves the Tsunami Public Awareness and Education Strategy for the Caribbean and Adjacent Regions as amended at the session.

Financial implications: USD 130,000 (UNESCO Emergency Fund for CTIC)

ANNEX 1

Terms of Reference

Working Group 4
Preparedness, Readiness and Resilience

Purpose: To advise and recommend to the ICG strategies to enhance public awareness, education and resilience capacities and to develop the necessary recommendations, tools and procedures. IOC/ICG/CARIBE-EWS-VIII/3

Functions:

- Identify the public awareness and education strategies and tools that the Member States can integrate into their risk reduction and emergency management programs.
• Support the development of guidelines for preparedness, response and recovery plans for communities and local governments and organisations which should include sharing of training and evacuation best practices.

• To closely cooperate with the Caribbean Tsunami Information Centre (CTIC) in carrying out its mandate and in the implementation of its program.