Recommendation ICG/CARIBE-EWS-VIII.2

CARIBE WAVE/LANTEX 14, Communications Tests and PTWC Enhanced Products

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

Recognising and expressing its appreciation to the Government of the United States for the interim tsunami warning guidance services provided by the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC) to the Caribbean and Adjacent regions;

Also recognising the success of the CARIBE WAVE/LANTEX 13 in support of advancing the Caribbean Tsunami Warning System;

Furthermore recognising the usefulness of the PTWC Enhanced Products indicated by the Member States;

Decides to conduct CARIBE WAVE exercises on an annual basis leaving to each Member State to define its level of participation;

Requests PTWC to continue with the regular monthly communication tests and with yearly two unannounced tests redefining the nature and procedures of these tests;

Recommends that a joint CARIBE WAVE/LANTEX 14 exercise takes place on 26 March 2014, with two scenarios: a hypothetical earthquake located offshore Portugal, and a submarine landslide within the Gulf of Mexico;

Further recommends PTWC to include its Enhanced Products as part of the exercise and to systematically inform TWFPs about the availability of these products in their webpage or emails;

Approves the goals and objectives of this exercise as presented at the Eighth Session of the ICG/CARIBE-EWS,

Urges those Member States choosing the scenario of a hypothetical earthquake located offshore Portugal to concentrate on alerting and evacuation of the population given there relatively long tsunami travel time of the wave in this scenario;

Extends the mandate of the CARIBE WAVE/LANTEX 13 Task Team to assist in the preparation of the scenarios and Participants Handbook for the CARIBE WAVE/LANTEX 14, and encourages CTIC to take a progressively greater role in this activity; IOC/ICG/CARIBE-EWS-VIII/3

Further requests the PTWC distributes to the Member States the results of the unannounced tests;

Recommends the establishment of a Task Team for the further evaluation and potential implementation of the PTWC Enhanced Products,

Invites the ICG/NEAMTWS to coordinate with ICG/CARIBE-EWS and explore its participation in CARIBE WAVE/LANTEX 14;
Financial Implications: None