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Subject: Agreement between the Government of "Nicaragua" and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization concerning the Twenty-eight Session of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS-XXVIII) of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), Managua, Nicaragua, 2-5 April 2019

Dear Vice-Minister,

I have the honour to refer to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua Note Ref. MRE/VM-AMM/1448/10/18 dated 30 October 2018 by which you kindly conveyed your Government's offer to host the above-mentioned meeting.

I wish to express my warm thanks to your Government for this offer, and to confirm acceptance, as indicated in the reply from the IOC Executive Secretary dated 28 November 2018, on behalf of the Organization.

With the present letter, I wish to obtain your Government's acceptance of the following:

A. Nature and scope of the meeting

Under the "Regulations for the general classification of the various categories of meetings convened by UNESCO", adopted by the General Conference at its fourteenth session and amended at its 18th, 25th, 33rd and 37th sessions, this meeting is considered as falling within category II".

The purpose of the meeting is to review progress against the Framework for Future Goals and Performance Monitoring of Tsunami Warning and Mitigation Systems of the ICG/PTWS, evaluate the results of the PacWave 2018 Exercise, and decide on recommendations to enhance tsunami preparedness in the Pacific Ocean.
B. Participation

In accordance with Resolution EC-XXXIX.8 of the UNESCO’s Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Executive Council and the Article 6 paragraph C.10 of the Statutes of the IOC, the following participants are invited to attend the meeting:

a. Chief Participants: The chief participants will be representatives of the IOC Member States within and bordering the Pacific Ocean and adjacent seas;

b. In conformity with the terms of reference of the ICG/PTWS (Annex to Resolution EC-XXXIX.8), observers to this Meeting shall include:
   i. Observers from other IOC Member States.
   ii. Invited observers from other organizations (including NGOs), programmes and projects, in accordance with the IOC rules and procedures;

c. The total number of participants including representatives, observers and members of the UNESCO Secretariat is expected to be about 60 participants.

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the customary proposals regarding arrangements for the holding of this meeting.

I. PLACE AND DATE OF THE MEETING

The meeting will take place from 2 to 5 April 2019 at the Montelimar Barcelo Hotel, Nicaragua.

II. ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

The responsibility for the technical and material organization of the meeting shall be shared by the competent host authorities and UNESCO on the basis of the attached Statement of Requirements (see Annex I).

However, nothing in the provisions of this letter shall prevent the two parties from mutually agreeing to make such adjustments as may be desirable to ensure the proper organization of the meeting. All matters concerning the technical and material organization of the meeting will be handled through the liaison officer appointed by Nicaragua.

III. SECURITY

The Government of Nicaragua shall be responsible for providing at its expense, such protection and security as may be required to ensure the efficient functioning of all pre-session meetings, meetings and sessions of the main conferences and any other meetings linked to the event, in a calm and serene ambiance and without interference of any kind.

Such service shall be under the direct supervision and control of a senior officer to be designated by the Government of Nicaragua. He/she shall work in close coordination and cooperation, including at distance, with the senior security liaison officer and Event Security Coordinator (ESC) appointed by UNESCO for this purpose, so as to ensure a proper atmosphere of security and tranquillity.
The security officials Mr. Ivan Yerovi, Designated Official Representative (UNICEF) Managua, Nicaragua, and Mr. Juan Carlos Moreno, Local Security Assistant (DSS), Managua, Nicaragua, have been assigned to act as points of contact and are UNESCO’s event security coordinators for this activity. On the Host Country side, General Police Commissioner Olivic Hernandez Salguera, Chief of Public Security Directorate of the National Police (PN), will act as the designated Senior Security Officer (SSO) for the Government of Nicaragua (email: cnsalguera@policia.gob.ni and Cellular No: 505 88852481).

In accordance with the UNDSS Framework for Accountability, the UN Designated Official for Nicaragua is responsible for the security of United Nations personnel, premises, and assets throughout the country and must be kept informed throughout the process. The name of the responsible officers for security shall be communicated to UNDSS by respectively the host country and UNESCO, not later than a month before the event.

IV. PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

The Government of Nicaragua will apply, in all matters relating to this meeting, the provisions of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations, as well as Annex IV thereto relating to UNESCO. All persons entitled to participate in the meeting should have the right of expeditious entry into and exit from Nicaragua. With this view, it is understood that no restrictions to the right of entering into, staying in and leaving the territory of Nicaragua may be put to any person entitled to participate in the meeting, irrespective of nationality.

V. DAMAGE AND ACCIDENTS

As long as the premises reserved for the meeting are at the disposal of UNESCO, the Government of Nicaragua shall bear the risk of damage to the premises, facilities and furniture, and shall assume and bear all responsibility and liability for accidents that may occur to persons present therein. However, the Government of Nicaragua shall not bear responsibility and liability for damages caused by gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the participants. The Government of Nicaragua shall adopt appropriate measures to ensure the protection, particularly against fire and other risks, of the above-mentioned premises, facilities, furniture and persons. It may also claim from UNESCO compensation for any damage to persons and property caused by the fault of staff members or agents of the Organization.

VI. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Any dispute concerning the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled by negotiations or in accordance with any other procedure agreed upon by the parties.

If, as I hope, these proposals are acceptable to you, I should be grateful if you would sign both copies of this letter and return one to me at your earliest convenience.

Upon signature by both parties, the present letter shall constitute the Agreement between the Government of Nicaragua and UNESCO in respect of this meeting.
Accept, dear Vice-Minister, the assurance of my highest consideration

Firmin Edouard Matoko
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Date: 4/2/2019

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