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To: IOC Member States
Representatives of GOOS sponsors (WMO, UNEP, ICSU)
GOOS contact points

Subject: First Extraordinary Session of the IOC-WMO-UNEP Committee for Global Ocean Observing System (I-GOOS), and election of I-GOOS Officers, Paris, France, 20 June 2005

Action required: (i) Submit nominations for I-GOOS Vice-chair and/or Chair by May 20th, 2005
(ii) Register participation in I-GOOS Extraordinary Session I by June 6th, 2005
(iii) Confirm GOOS contact point information by June 6th, 2005

Dear Madam/Sir,

The Seventh Session of the Intergovernmental Committee for GOOS (I-GOOS) decided to expand its leadership team to include one chair and up to four vice chairs. Election of these officers was consequently deferred to an extraordinary I-GOOS session (I-GOOS ext. I) to be held immediately prior to the IOC Assembly in Room IX of the Fontenoy building, UNESCO Hqs, on Monday, 20 June 2005, from 14h to 18h.

Strong leadership from Member States is the fundamental and primary requirement for I-GOOS to carry out its mandate. Thus, I would like to personally encourage all member states, and in particular those with a strong interest in implementing GOOS, to provide nominations for these important leadership positions. In order to be considered complete nominations consisting of a curriculum vitae and formal letter of endorsement from the relevant national IOC representative should be sent by email or regular mail to Keith Alverson (k.alverson@unesco.org), Director of the GOOS Project Office and received no later than May 20, 2005. All nominations will be posted on the meeting website <http://ioc.unesco.org/goos/igx1/> as will the agenda and any other background documents.

* English version is being despatched. Other versions will follow as soon as available.

Secondly, I hereby invite member states to register their planned participation in I-GOOS ext.I by contacting Ho Hien Lam (hh.lam@unesco.org), by email, fax or regular mail no later than June 6, 2005.

Finally, I would like to note that the official list of GOOS National contact points http://ioc.unesco.org/goos/MS/General/nat_GOOS_contacts.htm is largely out of date or blank. In order for the GPO to efficiently inform member states regarding GOOS business the GPO will, from now on, maintain this list and ensure that all GOOS national contact points are copied on GOOS relevant IOC communications. For example, invitations to participate in I-GOOS meetings though still sent to national coordinating bodies specified for liaison with IOC (Article 4 B.5 (c) of the Statutes) for official nomination, will be copied to the relevant GOOS national contact point. I strongly encourage all nations to check their GOOS national contact information on the website, and send an official letter with any updates or corrections to Albert Fischer (a.fischer@unesco.org) at the IOC no later than June 6, 2005.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed]

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