

Resolution XXX-1

**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PREPARATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE
OF OCEAN SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission,

Recalling Resolution XXIX-1 proposing the establishment of an International (UN) Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development and requesting the IOC Executive Secretary to convey this resolution to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for consideration at its 72nd Session,

Also recalling the proclamation by the UNGA at its 72nd Session of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021–2030), through Resolution A/RES/72/73 (therein the Decade),

Further recalling the invitation from by the UNGA to the IOC to:

- (i) prepare an implementation plan for the Decade in consultation with Member States, specialized agencies, funds, programmes, and bodies of the United Nations, as well as other intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and relevant stakeholders,
- (ii) provide information on the implementation of the Decade to the UN Secretary-General for his report on oceans and the law of the sea,

Considering [Resolution EC-LI.1](#) that *inter alia* took note of the revised and current version of the Roadmap document (IOC/EC-LI/2 Annex 3) and decided to establish an Executive Planning Group (EPG) under the coordination of the IOC Executive Secretary,

Having examined documents IOC-XXX/2 Annex 3 – Progress of the implementation plan of the Decade Roadmap, and Addendum – Post-2020 Coordination and Implementation Mechanisms,

Having further considered the Report of the First EPG Meeting (17–19 December 2018, UNESCO, Paris) and the outcomes of the First Global Planning Meeting (13–15 May 2019, Copenhagen, Denmark), respectively The UN Decade Series, 1 & 2; and proposed modification to the Decade Roadmap (IOC/INF-1371),

Takes note of the progress achieved during the intersessional period, and in particular, the outcomes of the First EPG meeting and First Global Planning Meeting, and the report on the

implementation of the current version of the Decade Roadmap and its proposed modifications as presented in documents IOC-XXX/2 Annex 3 and IOC/INF-1371;

Thanks the EPG for its work in support of the preparation of the Implementation Plan and **requests** that it continues its work until the presentation of the Implementation Plan to the UNGA for consideration during its 75th Session in September 2020;

Requests the IOC Executive Secretary to:

- (i) report on the implementation of the current version of the Decade Roadmap at the 53rd Session of the IOC Executive Council in 2020;
- (ii) further develop the governance arrangements for the implementation phase (2021–2030) based on the inputs received on documents IOC-XXX/2 Annex 3 and Addendum;
- (iii) make the draft implementation plan available and invite its review by Member States;
- (iv) report to the IOC Executive Council at its 53rd Session, on comments received and plans for finalising the implementation plan, prior to its submission to the UNGA;

Invites the IOC subsidiary bodies to engage in the work of the Decade, in particular through the regional consultation workshops, and identify potential contributions during the next intersessional period;

Further invites UN specialized agencies, programmes, funds and bodies, UN Member States, international scientific and academic organizations, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders to support the Decade, contribute to its preparation and execution by crafting science-based solutions and partnerships;

Urges Member States and partners to:

- (i) provide voluntary financial contributions to the IOC for the preparation of the Decade as well as in-kind support such as staff secondments to the Secretariat;
- (ii) host and/or fund regional and global consultation workshops, thematic meetings, and communication activities;

Thanks the Governments of the Republic of Korea, Japan, the Kingdom of Belgium (Government of Flanders), Norway, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland for their financial contribution to the preparatory phase of the Decade;

Further thanks the Governments of Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, India, Italy, Japan, and Mexico as well as the Secretariats of the North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES), the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS), the Pacific Community (SPC), the UN Global Compact, Suez Environment, and the Carlsberg Foundation, for their contribution to the organization of regional and global workshops during the preparation phase of the Decade, as well as Germany, for offering to host the kick-off conference of the Decade.

Financial implication:

Seed funding is identified under the most favourable budget scenario (\$534.6M) of 40 C/5 Programme and Budget. Resources are needed in order to facilitate the coordination and implementation of the preparatory activities, as well as the launch of the Decade in 2021. Correspondingly, the Assembly may invite Member States and partners to contribute resources preferably to the IOC Special Account and/or through in-kind contributions (such as secondment).