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To : Official National Coordinating Bodies for Liaison with IOC/IOCARIBE
UN and Regional Organizations Co-operating with IOCARIBE

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(Scientific, Technical and Regional)

Subject: Acting Head of the IOCARIBE Secretariat – Interim arrangements

As previously informed, the position of Head of the IOCARIBE Secretariat is currently under recruitment, with a deadline for application by the 27th June 2022. It is anticipated that the new appointee will take his/her position in the second half of 2022. We are looking for candidates with a good understanding of regional specificities as well as proficiency in English and Spanish. In this spirit, we also included the post in the new UNESCO Mid-Level Professionals Programme, aimed at prioritizing recruitment from non- and under-represented Member States.

Recognising that the IOCARIBE region needs strong support and adequate leadership from the Secretariat to respond to the needs of Member States and achieve the ambitious IOCARIBE and Decade workplans for the region, I have decided to entrust the interim position to an experienced P4 level staff member at the UNESCO Regional Cluster Office in Kingston. Mr Jean-Paul Ngome Abiaga benefits both from field and Headquarter experience, including very good grasp of IOC's mandate, having served as the IOC focal point in the office of the Director-General just prior to his transfer to Kingston in December 2021. Furthermore, Mr Ngome Abiaga's position is shared between IOC and the Natural Science Sector and provides a valuable opportunity for enhanced intersectoral cooperation and increased engagement of Caribbean SIDS in the work of the Sub-Commission, once the post of the Head of IOCARIBE Secretariat is filled.

I have informed Mr Arnulfo Sanchez, IOCARIBE Chairperson, of my decision. During this interim phase, Mr Ngome Abiaga will report to Mr Julian Barbière, Head of the Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section who will continue to provide programmatic oversight during this period.

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Finally, let me also convey my best wishes to the IOCARIBE Member States, Officers and Secretariat on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Sub-Commission. I was particularly pleased to open this one year celebration during the 55th session of the IOC Executive Council with the wider IOC community of Member States.

Yours sincerely,

[signed]

Vladimir Ryabinin
Executive Secretary