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Resolution XXVIII-1

SECOND INTERNATIONAL INDIAN OCEAN EXPEDITION

The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission,

Recalling:

- (i) Decision IOC-XXVII/Dec.5.1.2 to further develop a proposal for the Second International Indian Ocean Expedition (IIOE-2),
- (ii) Resolution EC-XLVII-1 which, *inter alia*, entrusted the Scientific Committee on Ocean Research (SCOR) to develop the science plan for the IIOE-2 jointly with IOC and the Indian Ocean Global Ocean Observing System (IOGOOS)

Appreciating the leading role played by SCOR in developing the IIOE-2 Science Plan jointly with IOC and IOGOOS,

Welcoming the steps taken by the IOC Executive Secretary in the establishment of the IIOE-2 Interim Planning Committee (Group of Experts) [IPC] for the initial planning of the IIOE-2,

Acknowledging with thanks the IPC Report titled Strategic Framework for Implementation of the Second International Indian Ocean Expedition as contained in IOC/INF-1324,

Reaffirming the importance of the IIOE-2, not only for the Indian Ocean Member States but for the whole world, as a catalyst project linking Indian Ocean processes to the global ocean and atmosphere,

Accepts the Recommendation of the IPC, as referenced in IOC/INF-1324, to launch IIOE-2 at Goa, India, on the 4th of December 2015, for an initial period of five years;

Adopts the Second International Indian Ocean Expedition (IIOE-2) *A Basin-Wide Research Program* Draft Science Plan Version 1 (13 May 2015) [IIOE-2 Science Plan] developed by SCOR and recommended by the IPC as the scientific basis for IIOE-2;

Approves the governance structure of the IIOE-2 and other recommendations of the IPC contained in the IPC report;

Decides to continue the IPC mandate until the official launch of the IIOE-2 in December 2015 and provide a seamless transition to the IIOE-2 Steering Committee;

Encourages the IPC to complete the IIOE-2 implementation plan based on the recommendations of the IPC and input to be received from IIOE-2 stakeholders and IOC Member States;

Requests the IOC Executive Secretary, as a matter of priority, to work with other IIOE-2 co-sponsors and partners to establish the IIOE-2 Steering Committee and IIOE-2 International Project Office Framework (IPO), including their Terms of Reference, and to report on this to the IOC Executive Council at its 49th Session in 2016;

Accepts with appreciation the generous offers of India and Australia to support/host key components of the IIOE-2 IPO: the IIOE-2 Project Office in Hyderabad and the Perth Programme Office respectively;

Authorizes the IOC Executive Secretary to:

- (i) continue efforts in extending the list of partners in planning and implementation of IIOE-2;
- (ii) formalize the offer of India to establish an IIOE-2 Project Office in India to support the IIOE-2 related activities;
- (iii) designate an IOC staff member to coordinate the IIOE-2 activities in close coordination with the IIOE-2 Steering Committee, Member States and the IIOE-2 IPO by taking advantage of the generous action of Australia in hosting and supporting the IOC Perth Programme Office in Perth, Western Australia;

Urges Member States to commit adequate resources as cash using available IOC funding mechanisms or in-kind, to support IPO functions, the work of the Steering Committee and implementation of the IIOE-2 Science Plan;

Encourages IOC Member States, IOC Regional Subsidiary Bodies, including Member States of IOCINDIO, and other relevant organizations to propose, coordinate and promote research projects to implement IIOE-2 science priorities, noting the ongoing East Indian Ocean Upwelling Research Initiative and West Indian Ocean Upwelling Research Initiative;

Urges the IPO to build synergies among existing regional initiatives and programmes, including those already planned or underway.