

33. The Assembly welcomed the establishment of the ITU-IOC-WMO Joint Task Force on submarine cables.

34. The representatives of 14 Member States and Group of 77 plus China took the floor. The following Member States chose to provide records of their plenary intervention on this agenda item for the informational annex to the meeting report: Canada, Republic of Korea and USA.

35. The IOC Assembly adopted Decision IOC-XXVII/Dec.5.1.1.

The Assembly,

Having considered document IOC/INF-1302,

Takes note of the on-going active role played by the Commission in UN-Oceans, GESAMP, collaboration in following up to the Rio+20 conference, and elaboration of Sustainable Development Goals;

Agrees that:

- (i) the Commission has a role to play in the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS), both as an enabler and potential user of climate services, and
- (ii) the IOC Executive Secretary continue to assist UNESCO in leading coordination of inputs into the GFCS including participation in an Inter-agency Coordination Group;

Welcomes the establishment by the ITU, IOC, and WMO of an informal Joint Task Force to develop a roadmap that could lead to enabling the availability of submarine repeaters equipped with scientific sensors for disaster warning system (tsunamis), and the monitoring of some GCOS Essential Climate Variables (IOC/INF-1303);

Notes that the financial and human resource implications of the Commission's engagement in these processes are generally being absorbed by programme budgets identified as part of the overall IOC Programme and Budget resolution XXVII/DR.(6.1, 6.2); and

Invites IOC Member States to support IOC's role and contributions in these processes.