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**Third Session of the Steering Group for the
Ocean Best Practices System (SG-OBPS-III),**

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Terms of Reference of the IOC Ocean Best Practices System Project (OBPS)

Objectives: The objectives of this project are to:

- (i) Increase efficiency, reproducibility and interoperability of the entire ocean observing value chain by providing the community with a unified, sustained and readily accessible knowledge base of interdisciplinary best practices;
- (ii) Provide coordinated and sustained global access to best practices in ocean observing to foster innovation and excellence by developing a system and engaging ocean observing communities in a joint and coordinated effort in producing, reviewing and sustaining best practice documents.

Annex 3 to IOC-XXX, Dec. 7.2.1

Terms of Reference of the IOC Steering Group for the Ocean Best Practices System (SG-OBPS)

Objectives: The SG-OBPS will have the following Terms of Reference:

- (i) Propose the vision, strategy, work plan and timetable for the Ocean Best Practices System Project;
- (ii) Advise on technical aspects such as user interface, back office, etc. to the project technical task team;
- (iii) Report to the IOC and to other partners on the progress of the Ocean Best Practices System Project;
- (iv) Provide guidance to the project manager and project technical manager;
- (v) Identify funding sources to further develop the OBPS.

Membership: The Steering Group will be composed, *inter alia*, of:

- (i) Representatives from IOC Programmes and JCOMM;
- (ii) Project Manager/Chief Editor;
- (iii) Project Technical Manager;
- (iv) Invited Experts from the ocean observing community;
- (v) Representatives of the IODE and GOOS Secretariats.