

Recommendation ICG/PTWS-XXX.6**Start of Operation of Central America Tsunami Advisory Center (CATAC)**

The Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS),

Considering the report of the fourth meeting of the Regional Working Group for Central America of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS), held in Managua, Nicaragua, on 11 February 2019, and the recommendations of the fifth meeting of the Regional Working Group for Central America of the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS), 15 November 2021 (Online),

Considering recent tsunamis on the Pacific (September 1992 and August 2012) and Caribbean Central America coasts (1991, 2009 and 2018), and the potential loss of life and economic impact caused by such possible future events,

Considering the Coordination Centre for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America (CEPREDENAC) as the institution specialized in integrated disaster risk management in Central America and that harmonizes the approach to these priorities with the strategies and agendas of other specialized bodies of the Central American Integration System (SICA),

Considering the efforts of Central American countries and regional organizations to establish new seismic stations, to maintain existing stations, and to make progress in the exchange of seismic data to advance tsunami and earthquake warning and research capabilities in Central America,

Recalling and appreciating the technical cooperation provided by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to Nicaragua for the creation of the Central America Tsunami Advisory Centre (CATAC) and the strengthening of the regional system, including technical training,

Decided to support the efforts and progress made by Nicaragua in the creation of the Central America Tsunami Advisory Centre (CATAC), as a tsunami service provider (TSP) within the framework of the ICG/PTWS,

Also recalling that CATAC has been on trial mode as of August 2019,

Notes that CATAC elaborated a report to ICG/PTWS-XXX in PPT and Text formats about its development and the progress during the interim period 2022-2023,

Notes that CATAC elaborated a draft version of its Users Guide corresponding to the new standard proposed (25 Aug 2023) by ICG/PTWS Task Team of TSPs; taking into account the new processing methods, messaging formats and channels,

also **notes** that CATAC will discuss the final version (English) of the new User's Guide in WG-CA, ICG/PTWS TT Task Team of TSPs, for decision, for the Pacific coast of CA. Thereafter the Spanish translation will be produced,

Recalling Recommendation ICG/PTWS-XXIX.5 which noted that the approval of both the ICG/CARIBE-EWS and IOC are necessary for the official full functional operations of CATAC,

Decides to admit the start of the official full functional operations of CATAC, starting after the IOC governing body meeting in 2024, with the specific starting date to be **decided** after the coordination with the ICG/CARIBE-EWS