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1. General. The International Tsunami Information Center (ITIC) will be operated for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC). Located at the National Weather Service (NWS) Pacific Region Headquarters, the ITIC was established upon request of the IOC and is maintained by the NWS to strengthen the Intergovernmental Coordination Group for the Pacific Tsunami Warning and Mitigation System (ICG/PTWS) and to assist member nations in mitigating the effects of tsunamis throughout the Pacific. The mandate and functions of the ITIC are given in IOC Resolution X-23, November 1977 and amended by IOC/Executive Council-XXI March 1988.

2. Duties. The principal duties of the ITIC are to:

- a) Monitor the international tsunami warning activities in the Pacific and recommend improvements;
- b) Provide Pacific countries information on the PTWS, the affairs of ITIC, and how to join in the activities of the IOC (ICG/PTWS);
- c) Assist member states of ICG/PTWS in the establishment of regional and national warning systems and in the improvement of preparedness;
- d) Gather and promulgate knowledge on tsunamis and foster research and its application;
- e) Cooperate with the World Data Centers in collecting tsunami data information; and
- f) Assist national authorities in making investigations of all aspects of major tsunamis and develop standard survey procedures for such investigations.
- g) Provide technical assistance to various Intergovernmental Coordination Groups (e.g., the Caribbean).

3. Responsibilities. The Director, ITIC, will report directly to the appropriate IOC authorities on matters not affecting NWS operations or U.S. policy and is responsible for funds allocated to the ITIC by the IOC. For administrative purposes, the Director, ITIC, reports to the Director, Pacific Region, who is responsible for logistical and financial support within limits set by the NWS.

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The position of Associate Director, ITIC, when occupied, will be funded by a foreign member state of ICG/PTWS and/or the IOC. The Associate Director will report directly to the Director, ITIC.