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To : Official National Coordinating Bodies for Liaison with the IOC
Executive Heads of UN Organizations Member of ICSPRO and others (IAEA, UNEP)
Executive Heads of Intergovernmental and Non-governmental organizations
cooperating with the IOC

C.c. : The Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Commission
Permanent Delegates/Observer Missions to UNESCO of IOC Member States
National Commissions for UNESCO of IOC Member States
Officers of Major IOC Subsidiary Bodies (Scientific, Technical and Regional)

**Subject: Antigua and Barbuda: New Member State of the IOC**

I am pleased to officially announce the membership of Antigua and Barbuda to IOC with effect from 25 June 2025. The Commission now has 152 Member States. Antigua and Barbuda belongs to electoral group III. Links to the updated electoral groupings and the full list of IOC Member States are given at the end for reference. The National Ocean Governance Committee of Antigua and Barbuda has been designated as the National Coordinating Body for Liaison with IOC, with the following persons acting as the national focal points:

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**Objet : Antigua-et-Barbuda : nouvel État membre de la COI**

J'ai le plaisir d'annoncer officiellement l'adhésion d'Antigua-et-Barbuda à la COI à compter du 25 juin 2025. La Commission compte désormais 152 États membres. Antigua-et-Barbuda appartient au groupe électoral III. Des liens vers les groupes électoraux mis à jour et la liste complète des États membres de la COI sont fournis à la fin du présent document pour référence. Le Comité national de gouvernance des océans a été désigné comme l'organisme national de coordination chargé des relations avec la COI, dont les personnes suivantes font office de points focaux nationaux :

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References: [IOC National Contact Manual](https://oceanexpert.org/document/17716)
 [List of IOC Electoral Groupings](https://oceanexpert.org/document/3821)