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International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions [54/219](#) of 22 December 1999, [56/195](#) of 21 December 2001, [60/195](#) of 22 December 2005, [64/200](#) of 21 December 2009, [65/157](#) of 20 December 2010, [66/199](#) of 22 December 2011 and [67/209](#) of 21 December 2012, and taking into consideration all other relevant resolutions,

Reaffirming the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development entitled “The future we want”,¹ in particular the decisions related to disaster risk reduction,

Recalling the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development,² Agenda 21,³ the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21,⁴ the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development⁵ and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg Plan of Implementation)⁶ and the outcome document of the special event of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals,⁷

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

¹ Resolution 66/288, annex.

² *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

³ *Ibid.*, annex II.

⁴ Resolution S-19/2, annex.

⁵ *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁶ *Ibid.*, resolution 2, annex.

⁷ Resolution 65/1.



Taking note of the results of the fourth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, held in Geneva from 19 to 23 May 2013, and recognizing it as the main forum at the global level for strategic advice coordination and partnership development for disaster risk reduction,

Emphasizing the added value of Governments at all levels, as well as relevant subregional, regional and international organizations, in committing adequate, timely and predictable resources for disaster risk reduction in order to enhance resilience of cities and communities to disasters, according to their own circumstances and capacities,

Recognizing that developing countries, in particular the least developed countries and small island developing States, remain most vulnerable to the effects of natural disasters and climate change, and that they need adequate international assistance for the development and strengthening of their capacities in the areas of disaster prevention and building resilience,

Recalling that the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, which will take place in Japan in 2015, will review the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters⁸ and adopt a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 67/209;⁹

2. *Stresses* the importance of the continued substantive consideration of the issue of disaster risk reduction, and encourages all States and relevant United Nations bodies to take into consideration the important role of disaster risk reduction activities for, inter alia, the achievement of sustainable development;

3. *Welcomes* the deliberations of the fourth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, held in Geneva from 19 to 23 May 2013, as the main forum at the global level for strategic advice coordination and partnership development for disaster risk reduction and the review of progress on the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters;

4. *Also welcomes* the deliberations of the regional platforms and meetings, which have provided a critical contribution to the consultations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction and the preparations for the fourth session of the Global Platform, and looks forward to the upcoming regional platforms scheduled in 2014;

5. *Strongly encourages* giving appropriate consideration to disaster risk reduction and the building of resilience to disasters within the post-2015 development agenda;

6. *Reiterates* its strong encouragement for the promotion of a complementary and coherent approach to the relationship between the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction and the post-2015 development agenda;

⁸ A/CONF.206/6 and Corr.1, chap. I, resolution 2.

⁹ A/68/320.

7. *Stresses* the need to foster better understanding and knowledge of the causes of disasters, as well as to build and strengthen coping capacities, in particular in developing countries, through, inter alia, the exchange of best practices, technology transfer, as mutually agreed, and technical knowledge, educational and training programmes for disaster risk reduction, access to relevant data and information, the strengthening of institutional arrangements, the promotion of community participation and ownership through community-based disaster risk management approaches and the protection of productive assets, including animals, tools and seeds;

8. *Recognizes* the importance of the development of strategies at the national, subregional, regional and international levels by Governments, in particular in developing countries, to achieve disaster risk reduction, and reiterates the need to further develop regional initiatives and risk reduction capacities of regional mechanisms, where they exist, to strengthen them and to encourage the use and sharing of all existing tools by including productive assets, inter alia, animals and seeds, within national disaster management planning, and requests the regional commissions, within their mandates, to support the efforts of States in this regard, in close coordination with the implementing entities of the United Nations system;

9. *Reiterates its deep appreciation* for the offer of the Government of Japan to host the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, and decides that the Conference will be held in Sendai, Japan, from 14 to 18 March 2015;

10. *Agrees* that the Third World Conference will be convened at the highest possible level and will include a high-level segment;

11. *Decides* that the Third World Conference will have the following objectives:

(a) To undertake assessment and review the implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action;

(b) To consider the experience gained through the regional and national strategies/institutions and plans for disaster risk reduction and their recommendations;

(c) To adopt a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction, which should act as an input to the post-2015 development agenda;

(d) To identify modalities of cooperation based on commitments to implement a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;

(e) To determine modalities to periodically review the implementation of a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;

12. *Also decides* that the Third World Conference will result in a concise, focused, forward-looking, long-term and action-oriented political document that will outline a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;

13. *Further decides* to establish an open-ended intergovernmental preparatory committee for the Third World Conference to review the organizational and substantive preparations for the Conference, approve the programme of work of the Conference, and propose rules of procedure for adoption by the Conference, and also decides that the preparatory committee will meet in Geneva in July and

November 2014, for up to XX days each time, and that it will hold a XX-day meeting at Sendai before the dates mentioned in paragraph 9 above, as necessary;

14. *Decides* that the intergovernmental preparatory committee will have a bureau consisting of ten representatives of Member States, the composition of which shall be defined on the basis of equitable geographical representation;

15. *Invites* regional groups to nominate their candidates for the ten-member bureau of the open-ended intergovernmental preparatory committee no later than 28 February 2014, so that they can be involved in the preparations for the first meeting of the preparatory committee in advance;

16. *Decides* that the Third World Conference and the meetings of its preparatory committee shall provide for the full and effective participation of all States Members of the United Nations and members of specialized agencies, that the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, as well as the supplementary arrangements established for the Commission on Sustainable Development by the Council in its decisions 1993/215 of 12 February 1993 and 1995/201 of 8 February 1995, shall apply to the meetings of the preparatory committee, as applicable, and that the preparatory committee shall consider and adopt the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, taking into consideration the established practice of the General Assembly, except as otherwise provided in the present resolution;

17. *Encourages* the active participation of all States, in particular developing countries, including the least developed countries and small island developing States, in the Third World Conference as well as in its preparatory process, and invites donors to make appropriate contributions for that purpose;

18. *Recognizes* in this context the importance of the contributions of all relevant stakeholders, including major groups, parliaments, civil society, non-governmental organizations, national platforms for disaster risk reduction, focal points for the Hyogo Framework for Action, local government representatives, scientific institutions and the private sector, as well as organizations of the United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations, to the Third World Conference and its preparatory process;

19. *Also recognizes* the need for the inclusive participation and contribution of those in most vulnerable situations, including women, children and persons with disabilities, to the Third World Conference and its preparatory process;

20. *Further recognizes* the substantial increase in the losses of lives and the social, economic and environmental assets of communities and countries as the result of disasters;

21. *Stresses* the importance of regional coordination in the framework of the preparatory process in order to promote broad participation in the Third World Conference, and welcomes the offer made by the Government of Ecuador to host the ministerial conference of the Americas region, which will be held from 27 to 29 May 2014 in the city of Guayaquil;

22. *Takes note* of the launching of the Arab regional platform for disaster risk reduction, a regional coordination mechanism on disaster risk reduction to ensure the follow-up of progress in plans and policies on disaster reduction and sustainable

development, at the first Arab Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and the post-2015 framework, which took place in Jordan from 19 to 21 March 2013;

23. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system, and invites the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and other relevant international and regional organizations, within their respective mandates, to provide necessary support and to actively contribute to the preparatory process and to the Third World Conference itself;

24. *Decides* that the additional costs of the preparatory process and the Conference itself should be funded through extrabudgetary resources, without negatively affecting programmed activities, through specific voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

25. *Notes with appreciation* the generous pledge made by the Government of Japan to cover costs of the Third World Conference, and welcomes the voluntary contributions already made to facilitate the participation of representatives of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, in that event, and invites those States that have not yet done so to make such voluntary contributions;

26. *Encourages* the international community to provide the necessary financial resources to the Trust Fund for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to allocate adequate financial and administrative resources for the effective functioning of the inter-agency secretariat for the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

28. *Expresses its appreciation* to those countries that have provided financial support for the activities of the secretariat of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction by making voluntary contributions to its Trust Fund;

29. *Calls for* voluntary commitments by all stakeholders and their networks to implement the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;

30. *Requests* the Secretary-General to bring the outcome of the Third World Conference to the attention of relevant international organizations, processes and forums;

31. *Encourages* the further implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action and, in particular, the carrying out of periodic risk assessments, the establishment of a disaster loss database and the dissemination of and ensured access to and availability of risk information, and, in order to assess outcomes, requests the Secretary-General to lead a review process on the 10 years of implementation of the Hyogo Framework;

32. *Notes* the importance of the periodic reviews of the Hyogo Framework for Action, and requests the Secretary-General to formulate proposals for effective review mechanisms for the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;

33. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session, under the item entitled “Sustainable development”, the sub-item entitled “International Strategy for Disaster Reduction”;

34. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.