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Preparatory Committee

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Item 3 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the Preparatory Committee

Programme of work*

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution 68/211, the General Assembly established an Open-ended Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction 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. The Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee will meet in Geneva in July and November 2014, for two days each time, and that it will hold a meeting at Sendai to be decided by the Preparatory Committee as necessary.

II. Procedural and organizational matters

2. The second session of the Preparatory Committee will take place in Geneva from 17 to 18 November 2014. The session will be opened by the co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee on Monday, 17 November. As the Preparatory Committee may recall, a Bureau was elected in accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/211 by the Preparatory Committee at its first session from 14 to 15 July 2014, consisting of two members of each regional group and a representative of Japan as an ex-officio member. After the opening, the Committee will take action to fill vacancies by Bureau members who have left their respective offices or are no longer able to serve on the Bureau (Item 2 of the provisional agenda).

3. The Preparatory Committee will then adopt its agenda and programme of work for its second session (Item 3 of the provisional agenda). The Committee will be invited to approve the list of non-governmental organizations and other major groups that are seeking to participate in the session as observers to the World Conference and its preparatory meetings. It will then take action on any intergovernmental organizations seeking to do the

*This document was submitted late due to the need to consult on details of the preparation.



same. In doing so, the Committee may wish to recall the arrangements on accreditation and participation of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups in the preparatory process and in the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, approved on 14 July and contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(I)/INF.2.

Documents:

Provisional agenda (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/1).

Draft programme of work (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/2).

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the Preparatory Process and the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/3).

Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/4).

III. Organization of the World Conference

4. The Preparatory Committee will hear an update on progress on the organization of the World Conference and take up the draft provisional programme of work for the World Conference, with a view to recommending the draft for adoption by the Conference (Item 4 of the provisional agenda). Following this, the Committee will take action on a proposed candidate for President of the World Conference, to be considered and elected by the Conference.

Documents:

Note by the secretariat on progress on the organization of the World Conference (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/5).

Draft provisional programme of work for the Conference (A/CONF.224/PC(I)/L.1).

Nomination of the President of the World Conference (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/L.2).

IV. Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction

5. On the morning of Monday, 17 November, the Preparatory Committee will hold a plenary meeting (Item 5 of the provisional agenda) to comment on draft elements of a political declaration for the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, to be circulated as a non-paper prior to the Preparatory Committee's second session. Should the Preparatory Committee choose, it may continue the plenary session in the afternoon as required.

6. The Preparatory Committee may recall that, at its first session, which took place from 14 to 15 July, the co-Chairs informed the Committee that statements made on agenda item 6 at its first session, similarly called "considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction," could form a basis for future work on the drafting of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. On 15 July, the co-Chairs presented a timeline by which they would develop a pre-zero draft by 8 August; that open-ended informal consultative meetings would take place in September and October on the basis of the pre-zero draft; and that the co-Chairs' zero draft should be produced by mid-October. Member States would then negotiate the zero draft at the second session of the Preparatory Committee and decide on future negotiating modalities as appropriate, taking into account the contribution of stakeholders. Accordingly, the Preparatory Committee will be invited to

hold negotiations on the text of the zero draft in the afternoon of Monday, 17 November, and the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, 18 November, and to report back to the plenary under Item 5 of the provisional agenda.

Documents:

Post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction: zero draft submitted by the co-Chairs (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/L.3).

Note by the secretariat on experiences gained through regional and national strategies, institutions and plans for disaster risk reduction and relevant regional agreements (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/6).

Outcome of the Second Arab Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, 14 to 16 September 2014, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/7).

V. Chairs' dialogue with major groups

7. In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 68/211, it was decided 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.

8. In the same resolution, the General Assembly recognized the importance of the contributions and participation of all relevant stakeholders at the Third World Conference and in its preparatory process, including major groups, parliaments, civil society, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, 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.

9. Furthermore, the General Assembly stressed the importance of mainstreaming gender and disability perspectives in disaster risk management to strengthen the resilience of communities and reduce social vulnerabilities to disasters, and recognized the need for the inclusive participation and contribution of women, as well as vulnerable people within groups, such as children, older persons and persons with disabilities, to the Third World Conference and its preparatory process.

10. Organizations of the United Nations system were requested, and within their respective mandates Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and other relevant international and regional organizations were invited, to actively contribute to the preparatory process and to the Third World Conference.

11. The Chairs will hold dialogues with major groups to exchange views on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction on:

Monday, 17 November 1:15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

Tuesday, 18 November 1:15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

VI. Technical workshops

12. The Conference secretariat will organize technical workshops on: (i) indicators, monitoring and the review process for the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction; and (ii) on the integration of disaster risks in financial regulation. Concept notes for the

technical workshops will be available on the World Conference website (www.wcdrr.org) as non-papers.

Monday, 17 November

4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Indicators, monitoring and review process for the post-2015 framework

Tuesday, 18 November

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Towards the integration of disaster risks in financial regulation

VII. Other matters, consideration of the report of the Preparatory Committee and conclusion of the session

13. Having taken up other matters, the Preparatory Committee will consider the report of the first session and conclude its work on Tuesday, 18 November with a view to agreeing on its organization of work towards the World Conference from 14 to 18 March in Sendai, Japan (Items 6 to 8 of the provisional agenda).

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction Preparatory Committee		Venue: Palais des Nations Building "A" and "E" Avenue de la Paix 1211 Genève 10										
Second session Geneva, 17-18 November 2014		Provisional Agenda										
		9h	10h	11h	12h	13h	14h	15h	16h	17h		
	Monday 17 November 2014	Capacity										
ASSEMBLY HALL Plenary (building A)	600 seats with table/mic plus podium		Opening, Procedural items 10h-11h		Plenary 11h-13h				Plenary (if required) 15h-18h			
ROOM XVI (16) (building A)	216 seats with table/mic plus podium								Negotiations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction 15h - onward			
ROOM XIX (19) (building E)	228 seats with table/mic plus podium					Chair's dialogue with major groups 13h15-14h45			Technical workshop 1: Indicators, monitoring and review process for the post- 2015 framework 16h-18h			
	Tuesday 18 November 2014	Capacity										
ASSEMBLY HALL Plenary (building A)	600 seats with table/mic plus podium											Plenary: Report, Conclusion. 16h30-18h
ROOM XVI (16) (building A)	216 seats with table/mic plus podium				Negotiations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction (cont.) 10h - 13h							Negotiations on the post-2015 framework for DRR (cont.) 15h-16h30
ROOM XIX (19) (building E)	228 seats with table/mic plus podium			Technical workshop 2: Toward the integration of disaster risks in financial regulation 10h-12h					Chair's dialogue with major groups 13h15-14h45			
					Intergovernmental session (including plenary session and negotiations on the post-2015 framework for DRR -- interpretation in 6 UN languages)							
					Multi-stakeholder segment Technical workshops (interpretation in English, French and Spanish) Chair's dialogues (in English)							