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Consideration of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session

Draft report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction on its second session, held in Geneva from 17 to 18 November 2014

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Introduction

1. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/211 of 20 December 2013, the Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction held its second session from 17 to 18 November 2014 at the United Nations Office, Geneva.

Organizational and other matters

A. Opening

(Agenda item 1)

2. The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction was opened at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 17 November 2014 by the Co-Chair [Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo (Finland) / His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand)]. Opening remarks were made by xx.

B. Election of officers

(Agenda item 2)

* Reissued for technical reasons on 17 November 2014.



3. At its first plenary meeting, on 17 November 2014, the Preparatory Committee was informed that His Excellency Walid Adbelnasser, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, had completed his tour of duty. Thus, the Preparatory Committee proceeded to elect, by acclamations, His Excellency Amr Ramadan, Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, as Vice-Chair to the Preparatory Committee. The Preparatory Committee was also informed that His Excellency Md. Abdul Hannan, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, had completed his tour of duty. Thus, the Preparatory Committee proceeded to elect, by acclamations, His Excellency Md. Shameem Ahsan, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, as Vice-Chair to the Preparatory Committee. In addition, the Preparatory Committee was informed that His Excellency Takashi Okada, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, had completed his tour of duty. Thus, his successor, Her Excellency Misako Kaji, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, would serve as an ex officio member of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee.

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

(Agenda item 3)

4. At the same meeting, on 17 November 2014, the Preparatory Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its second session (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/1), as follows:

1. Opening.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the Preparatory Committee.
4. Organization of the World Conference.
5. Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.
6. Consideration of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session.
7. Other matters.
8. Conclusion of the session.

5. Also at the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the programme of work as proposed in document A/CONF.224/PC(II)/2.

6. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee approved the suggested list for accreditation and participation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups that may participate as observers in the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and its preparatory meetings as contained in a note by the secretariat (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/3). Furthermore the Committee approved the suggested list for accreditations and participation of intergovernmental organizations that may participate as observers in the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and its preparatory meetings, as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(II)/4.

D. Organization of the World Conference

(Agenda item 4)

7. Also at the first plenary meeting, on 17 November 2014, the Preparatory Committee had before it the note by the secretariat on progress on the organization of the World Conference, as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(II)/5.

8. The Preparatory Committee recommended the following for adoption:

- (a) the draft provisional programme of work for the Third World Conference (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/L.1);
- (b) the nomination to the Third World Conference of _____ as its President (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/L.2).

9. Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, gave an update on the organization of the World Conference, which would be held from Saturday, 14 to Wednesday, 18 March 2015, in Sendai, Japan.

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

(Agenda item 5)

10. Her Excellency Misako Kaji, Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and ex-officio member of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee introduced draft elements of a political declaration for the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

11. In the course of the discussion, the Preparatory Committee heard xx statements. Statements were made by the representatives of xx, xx and xx.

F. Consideration of the report of the Preparatory Committee on its second session

(Agenda item 6)

12. At the x plenary meeting on 18 November, the Rapporteur introduced and updated the draft report of the Preparatory Committee as contained in the current text.

13. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted the draft report, as orally updated, and authorized the Rapporteur to finalize it in light of the proceedings of the closing plenary meeting.

G. Other matters

(Agenda item 7)

Attendance

14. The list of participants to the second session of the Preparatory Committee is contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(II)/INF.x.

H. Conclusion of the session

(Agenda item 8)

15. At the second plenary meeting on 18 November 2014, (to be confirmed), in her/his capacity as moderator of the first technical workshop on 'Indicators, monitoring and review process for the post-2015 framework', provided an overview of the workshop, which was held on 17 November, 2014. (To be confirmed), in her/his capacity as moderator of the second technical workshop on 'Toward the integration of disaster risks in financial regulation' provided an overview of the workshop, which was held on 18 November 2014.

16. (To be confirmed), Co-Chair, reported on the Chair's dialogues with major groups, held on 17 and 18 November 2014.
17. Summaries of the technical workshops, the Chair's dialogues with major groups as well as deliberations on agenda item 5 "Considerations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction" will be issued as a separate note by the secretariat in document A/CONF.224/PC(II)/INF.x.
18. Concluding statements were made by xx.

Annex

Documents before the second session of the Preparatory Committee

<i>Document</i>	<i>Symbol</i>
Provisional agenda	A/CONF.224/PC(II)/1
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 and Add.1
Participation of Intergovernmental organizations in the work of the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction	A/CONF.224/PC(II)/4
Progress on organization of the World Conference	A/CONF.224/PC(II)/5
Regional and national experience under the Hyogo Framework for Action	A/CONF.224/PC(II)/6
Outcomes of the Second Arab Regional Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction 14–16 September 2014, Sharm El Sheikh, Arab Republic of Egypt	A/CONF.224/PC(II)/7
Draft programme of work for the World Conference	A/CONF.224/PC(II)/L.1 and Rev.1
Nomination of the President of the Conference	A/CONF.224/PC(II)/L.2
Post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction: Zero draft submitted by the co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee	A/CONF.224/PC(II)/L.3 and Corr.1
Draft report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction on its second session, held in Geneva from 17 to 18 November 2014	A/CONF.224/PC(II)/L.4
Information note for participants	A/CONF.224/PC(II)/INF.1