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**Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction****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****Rapporteur: Mr. Andrey A. Nikiforov (Russian Federation)****I. 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.

**II. 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, His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand). Opening remarks were made by the co-Chairs of the Preparatory Committee, the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction; and Acting Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

**B. Election of officers**

(Agenda item 2)

3. At its first plenary meeting, on 17 November 2014, the Preparatory Committee was informed that His Excellency Walid Adbelnasser (Egypt) had completed his tour of duty. Thus, the Preparatory Committee proceeded to elect, by acclamation, His Excellency Amr Ramadan (Egypt) as Vice-Chair to the Preparatory Committee. The Preparatory Committee was also informed that His Excellency Md. Abdul Hannan (Bangladesh) had completed his tour of duty. Thus, the Preparatory Committee proceeded to elect, by acclamation, His Excellency Md. Shameem Ahsan (Bangladesh) as Vice-Chair to the Preparatory



Committee. In addition, the Preparatory Committee was informed that His Excellency Takashi Okada (Japan) had completed his tour of duty. Thus, his successor, Her Excellency Misako Kaji (Japan) 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 (see A/CONF.224/PC(II)/2 and A/CONF.224/PC(II)/2/Corr.1).

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 (see A/CONF.224/PC(II)/3 and A/CONF.224/PC(II)/3/Add.1). 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 and A/CONF.224/PC(II)/L.1/Rev.1), as orally revised by the co-Chair where “Multi-stakeholder Partnership Dialogues” will now read “High-level Multi-stakeholder Partnership Dialogues”;

- (b) The nomination to the Third World Conference of Her Excellency Eriko Yamatani, Minister of State for Disaster Management of Japan, as its President (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/L.2).

9. At the same meeting, the 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 14 to 18 March 2015, in Sendai, Japan.

10. Also, at the same meeting a representative of the host country, Japan, gave an update on preparations for the Third World Conference.

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

(Agenda item 5)

11. At the first plenary meeting, His Excellency Wayne McCook (Jamaica) reported on the work of the co-Chairs' Informal Working Group on Targets and Indicators.

12. Also, at the first plenary meeting, Her Excellency Misako Kaji (Japan), in her capacity as, representative of the host country, Japan, introduced draft elements of a political declaration for the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

13. In the course of the discussion held during the first and second plenary meetings, the Preparatory Committee heard 67 statements from representatives of 53 States (including on behalf of groups of States), 7 inter-governmental organizations and 7 major groups. All general statements submitted under agenda item 5 in writing will be made available on the Conferences website (<http://www.wcdrr.org/preparatory/prepcom2/statementslist>).

14. At its third meeting, Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo (Finland), co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, made a statement in which she elaborated on the timeline for the negotiations on the post-2015 framework. Statements were made by the representatives of Peru, Algeria, Sweden, Morocco, Canada, Indonesia, Jamaica, Uruguay, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Australia, Panama, Barbados, Ecuador, Colombia, Mexico, Spain and Cuba.

15. Also at its third meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided to continue to proceed with open-ended negotiations on the first draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction in December 2014 and in January 2015, as well as to hold further negotiations as required to produce a draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

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

(Agenda item 6)

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

17. 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)

18. At the third plenary meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided to hold its third session on 13 March 2015 in Sendai, Japan.

### **Attendance**

19. The list of participants to the second session of the Preparatory Committee is contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(II)/INF.2.

## **H. Conclusion of the session**

(Agenda item 8)

20. At the third plenary meeting on 18 November 2014, Her Excellency María del Pilar Cornejo (Ecuador) provided an overview of the technical workshop “Indicators, monitoring and review process for the post-2015 framework”, which was held on 17 November, 2014. Mr. Toni Frisch (Switzerland) provided an overview of the technical workshop “Toward the integration of disaster risks in financing”, which was held on 18 November 2014.

21. His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi (Thailand) reported on the Chairs’ dialogues with major groups, held on 17 and 18 November 2014.

22. Summaries of the technical workshops, the Chairs’ 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.3.

23. Concluding statements were made by the Vice-Mayor of Sendai City and representative of the host country, Japan; the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction; and Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo, co-Chair (Finland) and His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi, co-Chair (Thailand).

24. The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction was closed at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 18 November 2014 by Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo (Finland), co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee.

## 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/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