

NORWAY

Thank you Chairman,

We have a general comment relating to the entire structure in paragraphs 22 through paragraph 32.

We seem to agree on adopting a “concise, focused, forward-looking and action-oriented post-2015 framework”. In the interest of achieving this, we believe the distinction in the structure of this draft, between national and local level on one hand and the global and regional level on the other is not necessary.

The small letter action points under the sub-heading global and regional level are with very few exceptions relevant also on the national/local level, and visa-versa. For these few exceptions, the small letter points can clearly identify that this point would be relevant for only one, two or three particular levels. This could for example be the case for efforts that is a clear responsibility of the State.

We are happy to see that the suggestion in the pre-zero draft to have a double set of priorities under national/local level and regional/local level respectively, has been altered, but we would like to see these levels fully merged – i.e. to have no sub-headings under each priority. This relates to all the main priority areas. By merging these points we believe we could avoid a lot of duplication, as well as strengthen the actual action-points, including important action-points that in the zero-draft are included under only one of these sub-headings.

In the interest of saving time during today’s session, we suggest to ask the secretariat to formulate an updated draft on how such a full amalgamation could look, and we could take up the discussion on these particular points when we meet next time.

We believe close cooperation with relevant key resource persons on DRR, including within the broader UN-family, would be useful in this exercise.

Thank you.

Additional information/comments from Norway:

Reiterate our support to proposals underlining the importance of disaggregated data (gender, sex, disability, age), the application of a gender perspective, and the need to refer to conflict and fragile areas both as a risk driver, and as situations in which DRR is essential.