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

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the Preparatory Process and the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Note by the secretariat

1. In its resolution 68/211, the General Assembly recognized the importance of the contributions and participation of all relevant stakeholders, including major groups, non-governmental organizations, scientific institutions and the private sector at the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and its preparatory process. The General Assembly further decided that non-governmental organizations and other major groups whose work is relevant to the subject of the World Conference that are not currently accredited by the Economic and Social Council as non-governmental organizations, as well as those accredited to the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, the World Conference on Disaster Reduction, the four sessions of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction and regional platforms and ministerial meetings on disaster risk reduction, may submit applications to participate as observers in the Conference, as well as its preparatory meetings, subject to the approval of the Preparatory Committee.
2. The Preparatory Committee adopted accreditation criteria and procedures in the document entitled “suggested arrangements for accreditation and participation in the preparatory process and in the World Conference on Disaster Reduction of relevant non-governmental organizations and other major groups” (A/CONF.224/PC(I)/INF.2).
3. Those non-governmental organizations and other major groups currently not falling under any of the adopted accreditation categories, but wishing to attend and contribute to the Conference and its preparatory process, may apply to the Conference secretariat for accreditation by providing the required information mentioned in document

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A/CONF.224/PC(I)/INF.2. Such accreditation will be limited solely to the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction process.

4. It is requested that the Conference secretariat, with support from United Nations Nongovernmental Liaison Service and other relevant bodies, as appropriate, review the relevance of the work of the applicants on the basis of their background and involvement in sustainable development issues, particularly in the areas of disaster reduction. If the evaluation shows, on the basis of the information provided, that the applicant organization is competent and its activities relevant to the work of the World Conference, the Conference secretariat recommends to the Preparatory Committee its endorsement of the accreditation of those non-governmental organizations and other major groups. It is also requested that the Conference secretariat submit its recommendations to the Preparatory Committee two weeks before the start of the second session of the Preparatory Committee. A non-governmental or other major group organization that has been granted accreditation to attend the Preparatory Committee may register its representatives to attend all of its future sessions and the Conference itself.

5. The Conference secretariat has received and evaluated completed application packages that it received by 15 September 2014. The list of non-governmental organizations and other major groups recommended by the Conference secretariat will be contained in addendum 1, which will be submitted upon conclusion of a silence procedure by Member States. Addendum 1 will also contain the list of those submissions not recommended by the secretariat, either because (a) they are not organizations that meet the criteria established by General Assembly resolution 68/211; or (b) they are not organizations established in accordance with the provisions contained in part VII of the Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 based on the information provided.
