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Dear Representative:

The Rome-based Agencies of the United Nations are committed to ensuring the success of the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) taking place 14-18 March 2015 in Sendai, Japan.

The Rome-based Agencies of the United Nations consider food security and nutrition to be at the heart of efforts to build resilience and reduce risk and vulnerability. The Hyogo Framework for Action on Disaster Risk Reduction 2005-2015 as well as the *Pre-Zero Draft* of the Post-2015 Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction highlighted the direct relationship between food insecurity and malnutrition and disaster risk.

The most recent version of *Zero Draft* of the Post-2015 Framework, however, which represents the basis for discussions during the second session of the Preparatory Committee on 17-18 November in Geneva, does not include any reference to food security and nutrition in Disaster Risk Reduction.

As the agencies within the United Nations system bearing primary responsibility for addressing global food security and nutrition concerns, we recognize that natural and man-made disasters are a leading cause of hunger. Without serious efforts to mitigate increasing levels of disaster risk, the impact of shocks on the most vulnerable will continue to be one of the most significant obstacles to the eradication of hunger and the realization of the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda.

As member states have repeatedly called for coherence across the range of initiatives related to the new development agenda, the omission of food security and nutrition concerns from the current text is cause for concern. Drawing on lessons from the Hyogo Framework for Action, the *new framework* should highlight the critical importance of food security, nutrition and sustainable agriculture in reducing underlying vulnerability and building the resilience of the populations most at risk to disasters.

We call upon the support of member states involved in the upcoming session of the Preparatory Committee to ensure that the Post-2015 Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction is fully aligned with the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Agenda and reflects the centrality of food security and nutrition in global efforts to build more resilient communities and nations.

Sincerely,

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