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**COMMENTS OF COLOMBIA AT THE
FIRS, SECOND AND THRID OPEN-ENDED INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS
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We wish to thank to both Co-chairs and the Secretariat for the preparation of this draft. With regards to its **structure and view** we have the following observations:

- In general, we consider this draft to be a good document to guide our discussions within the open-ended informal consultative meetings.
- We recognize some innovative elements for strengthening the Global Disaster Risk platform, as well as to maintain coherence with the Hyogo Framework for Action.
- Further, we would like that the clear distinction between the responsibilities and actions at national, regional and global level be adequately highlighted. Additionally, we find the multisectoral approach and the engagement of the stakeholders to be a very positive element. However, we hope to have a much clearer participation of the private sector as an agent with responsibilities for Disaster Risk Reduction.
- With respect to the structure, we have comments in terms of the order of the priorities for action. In this regard, and considering the past experience at regional and national platforms, we propose to reorganize them as follows:
 1. Strengthening governance to manage disaster risk
 2. Understanding disaster risk
 3. Investing in social, economic and environmental resilience
 4. Preparedness for response, recovery and reconstruction
- We expect that this framework will strengthen the actions required in fields such as **financial protection and education for risk management**.
- We consider essential that the formulation of the new general Framework should contain elements, inter alia:
 1. moving from a corrective to a prospective approach;
 2. to establish a direct relationship between the integrated risk management and development issues;
 3. to take into account the multiple dimensions of Disaster Risk Reduction - DRR - at the country level such as economic and environmentally resilient, sustainable and equitable communities; and
 4. to establish the relationship between risk reduction and vulnerability reduction.



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Finally, and concerning the **preamble** of the Framework, its **scope, outcome and goals** we would like to present the following comments and proposals

- With respect to the **paragraph 7**, we propose to add on the last part “while contributing to sustainable development”.
- In the **paragraph 9**, we propose to include the **occurrence of disaster** in line with the substantial reduction of disaster losses.
- We deem that **paragraph 10** is not clear as to what kind of national and local strategies it is referring to. Therefore, we propose to add strategies for disaster risk management, including multisectoral strategies.
- Lastly, **paragraph 11**, which establishes the three goals, could be complemented with a mention or inclusion of the “understanding disaster risk” in line with the priorities for action.

Thank you.