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Subject: Pre-zero draft of the post 2015 framework for DRR - Italian inputs

Further to today's informal Consultative Meeting on the Pre-zero Draft and bearing in mind that Italy aligns itself with the amendments proposed by the EU Delegation in Matrix 1, we wish nonetheless to highlight the following points of interest to us :

- duration of the Framework : it should be a fixed period of time; 20 years seems to us to be a good compromise and long enough as it is. We would suggest a revision every 5 years and a major review after 10;
- more streamlined and simplified text (user-friendly), containing clear and action-oriented messages; the main objective of the new Framework should be to provide operational guidance for implementation of disaster risk policies;
- identification of effective, realistic and measurable indicators ;
- accent on the need to promote and strengthen better national and local governance, bearing in mind that targets should be more action-oriented. We could, for example, imagine a target whereby States are asked to define national policies in the area of disaster risk management. Such policies should take into account relevant cross-cutting issues : environment, safety, soil use, codes of construction, tender procedures and environmental impact assessment, use of structural funds to finance projects which do not have a negative impact on the level of risk. In this context, States' commitment is crucial to the establishment of specific budget lines for disaster risk management.

In light of the above, we would like to suggest the following minor additions/amendments in Matrix 1:

PP4 – add **sea-level rise** after the word “desertification”

PP5 (par.9) add **slow-onset disasters** after “small-scale disasters”

(par.11) after “at national and international levels.” add **Public control mechanisms should be established at government level as well as at civil society level to control any investments which could affect the environmental/human equilibrium, negatively impact on risks or lead to an increased vulnerability**

PSOG 2 – inclusion of **slow-onset disasters**

GP e) – amendment “...their management requires **States to proactively support local communities and administrators as well as to ensure their full leadership and empowerment**”

PA1 National and local – 14. Add **and the environment** after “... and exposure of persons, assets...”;

14 b) – add **and environmental** before “exposure and vulnerability..”; add **and their possible knock-on effects e.g. multi-risk events, increased risks of conflict** after

“characteristics.”

14 e) replace “disaster risk reduction” with **disaster risk management**

PA2/National and local – e) add **and all policies that are relevant for disaster risk management** after “local disaster risk management plans..”

PA3/National and local f) Start par. with **Linking relief, rehabilitation and development through** “promoting the incorporation of..”

Thank you for your kind assistance and best regards,
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