

INTERVENTION OF THE MEXICAN DELEGATION IN THE OPEN-ENDED INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING TOWARDS THE POST 2015 FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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Excellencies, dear colleagues, Good afternoon,

Thank you for convening this meeting to comment on <u>Section E on International</u> <u>Partnerships in the Implementation and Follow-up Process</u> and <u>Section F on the Transition Phase.</u>

For my Delegation both issues are of a great importance as the proposed text will set the basis for authorities and practitioners to put in place the new framework, and first and foremost move from the current Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) to the document we all, the international community, expect to meet future needs for preventing risks.

In this regard, Mexico is supportive of the general ideas on international partnership to complement State-lead activities in disaster risk reduction (DRR). Elements such as focus on least developed countries, capacity building, a strengthened financial framework, coherence from regional organizations and mechanisms, and the commitment of the UN System and other related international organizations, are crucial to work towards a relevant and fit-for-purpose framework.

We are also pleased to witness the reaffirmed mandate of the UNISDR regarding the implementation, monitoring and assessment of the new framework, now reporting progress for the considerations and deliberations of the High Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development of the UN Economic and Social Council. In our perspective, this initiative will not only link UNISDR activities to the overall UN sustainable development agenda, but also will give political support to better address DRR within the UN System.



It is also very important to reflect in this section the potential and ways to create, strengthen and improve partnerships with the private sector. Various countries along with Mexico have stressed that the private sector must be a key actor in the implementation of the new global framework for disaster risk reduction, considering the expertise, capabilities, resources and contributions of enterprises worldwide in risk management affairs.

Although the priorities for action of the pre zero draft will be addressed in a later stage, it is important for Mexico to see reflected the actual means of implementation of the new framework in this section, or clearer references on the way we will put in place the guidelines in the various levels and by the various stakeholders as the proposed priorities for action describe.

On the follow-up issues, for Mexico it is essential to move forward from what we achieved from the HFA. Thus, if we want to develop a follow-up process it is necessary to have more substantial elements in the pre zero draft of this process. As we all recall, during PrepCom1 several delegations, including mine, expressed interest of having innovative tools and means of assessment of the new framework from actually moving from reporting only.

Finally, Mexico will appreciate the orientation of the co-chairs regarding the transition towards the new framework. As we understand from paragraph 28, HFA will still relevant but we need to have more certainty to avoid duplications and overlap of tasks both from countries and the UNISDR. We should ensure that the new framework will take into account the pending issues of the HFA and make the new one applicable for every stakeholder.

Thank you.