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Open Ended Consultation on Pre-ZERO DRAFT
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Thank you Madam Co-Chair for giving me the floor to provide further views.

Our additional views relates to the preamble section. We would like to see in the preamble a clear reference to the critical need to build resilience, strengthen monitoring and prevention, reduce vulnerability, raise awareness and increased preparedness to respond to and recover from disaster.

We would like to see also in the preamble a general reference to the effects of natural disasters and extreme events and the linkages to climate change particularly as disasters are exacerbated by climate change, and that it further impedes progress towards sustainable development. These are situation and challenges that SIDS continues to grapple with.

More specifically in relation to paragraph 1 of the preamble:
We agree with at least what seems to be the intention of the paragraph although we feel this needs further work.

What we foresee as part of the update and reordering of the strategic goals and priorities as proposed here would include the addition of the Means of Implementation, which we believe could be through partnership and international cooperation.

As I referred to earlier this morning, we would like to add to the strategic goals a new paragraph on the Means of Implementation to support developing countries particularly SIDS and LDC, through strengthened partnership and international cooperation.

We also propose adding a new paragraph also on the Means of Implementation through partnership and international cooperation to both the Priorities for Actions and Expected Outcomes sections.

On paragraph 2:
We believe that there are some important elements that are currently reflected in paragraph 2 of the preamble such as developing risk transfer mechanism, such as insurance, index-based insurance for crop, disaster bonds, and family and community insurance schemes. While we believe these are important, they however are too detailed here and we feel they are better reflected in the Priorities for Actions Section. If they are to stay, they should be reflected in a more general level.

Moreover, the reference to the "HFA has inspired the identification and systematization of legal principles and rules informing disaster risk management…". We are not clear of the intention here and at what level would the systemization of

legal principles and rules would take place at, considering we are discussing here a global framework that is to be implemented at the national and sub-national levels. We feel that forming global legal principles and rules goes into a legally binding nature. We would appreciate some clarification on what this means and on the idea and at what level.

On Paragraph 5:
We believe its line 10 at least on my printed copy, the reference to "the consensus across countries and stakeholders that although the different processes pertaining to the post 2015 framework on DRR, SDGS and 2015 climate change agreement are different, they should in fact be coherent, mutually reinforcing and pragmatic in their policy and implementation mechanisms".

We believe that the use of the word consensus is perhaps a bit strong because while as we feel there are some synergies on some issues there is still some disagreement on the entirety of the elements reflected under paragraph 5.

We believe that they should be coherent, mutually reinforcing and pragmatic in their policy and implementation mechanisms at the national level and perhaps to some degree at the regional level but we feel this would be difficult at the international level.

Some caution should be taken when we talk about the integration of international level policies and implementation mechanisms amongst the different processes, particularly when it comes to the DRR framework and the framework convention on climate change. The two frameworks have different mandates, different in legal nature and the responsibilities are also different. We feel that this paragraph should remain general and we would like to delete the reference to "building on the Cancun Adaptation Framework".

Finally, is in relation to adequate referencing of implementation purposes of DRR in the SDGs and the post 2015 climate change agreement. We are not sure about the intention here and if the purpose is feasible. We would appreciate like some clarification.