

**STATEMENT BY TURKEY
ON THE PRE-ZERO DRAFT
[POST-2015 FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION]
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Mme. Chair,

Since I'm taking the floor for the first time, I would like to start by expressing our appreciation to the members of the Bureau of the Preparatory Committee for the Sendai Conference.

If we have to make a general comment on the pre-zero draft, we see it as a good basis to start the discussions on HFA2. We do take note of the fact that it is prepared taking into consideration the statements made at the first Preparatory Committee in July. Since those statements were limited to a couple of minutes per delegation, it should be developed on priorities which will be stated during the process in September and October.

We see that the preamble has taken a good stock of the achievements of the HFA, noted the areas where the challenges were, namely the risk factors.

We also saw with pleasure the fact that we should have tailor made policies instead of global frameworks which would be expected to fit into all problems.

For Turkey, the priority is to have a HFA2, with more impact on the ground, with stronger will to empower local capacities. We are glad to see these issues in the pre-zero draft; however, we believe that these messages should be strengthened. We may also consider expressing the need to promote regional ownership of the HFA2.

Also, we should, at the beginning, try to encourage, and also support, those who fall back in reaching the targets of the HFA. We should understand that they may lack the capacity and knowledge, and also, they may need more than our experience.

We believe that giving these messages strongly at the outset will help us reach our targets.

Thank you.