



## STATEMENT

### OF THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL DEFENCE ORGANISATION

### ON POST-2015 FRAMEWORK DISASTER RISK REDUCTION PROGRAMME

#### Preface

International Civil Defence Organisation (ICDO) is one of the eldest international intergovernmental organisations. The main goal of the ICDO is to help develop the potential of national civil defence services in order to better defend populations and territories from catastrophes. ICDO Member States supported the Hyogo Framework for Action for 2005-2015 to reduce disaster losses adopted at the World Conference for Disaster Reduction in Kobe, Hyogo, Japan on January 22, 2005.

The reports of the ICDO Member States on the realization of Framework for Action for 2005-2015 certify that the potential of national civil defence services to combat disasters and to reduce their risks has been increased as well as their ability to protect more effectively the population from different catastrophes. They have also developed mutual cooperation and help.

At the same time ICDO Member States are still very exposed to natural and man-made disasters and to other risks caused by the climate change. There are still a lot of unresolved problems such as: lack of equipment, the need to introduce modern technology and equipment, training of the civil defence personnel, preparation of the population to be ready to confront catastrophes.

#### **In view of the adoption of the Post-2015 Framework Disaster Risk Reduction Programme the International Civil Defence Organisation and also:**

#### **Taking into consideration:**

- the processes of globalization, which results in the security and prosperity of the countries becoming interdependent;
- modern challenges and threats of a global nature, which can be effectively countered only by combining the efforts of national structures of civil defense and emergency

services of all countries, international and non-governmental organizations, the private sector and each;

- the responsibility of each state for its own sustainable development and for taking effective measures to protect the population and territories from disasters;
- the importance for national civil defense services of ICDO Member States, emergency structures of other countries and other stakeholders to strengthen and expand cooperation with national governments and parliaments to jointly coordinated implementation of the recommendations of post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction;

#### **Acknowledging:**

- achievements of national civil defense services of ICDO Member States in disaster risk reduction, in accordance with the priorities of the Hyogo Framework for Action;
- efforts of national civil defence services of ICDO Member States at the local, national, regional and international level to strengthen the resilience of the countries and a readiness to protect the population from disasters;
- commitment of national civil defence services of ICDO Member States to fundamental international humanitarian principles for the protection of population and territories from disasters;
- the willingness of national civil defense services of ICDO Member States to develop regional and international cooperation;
- the commitment from the private sector, international and non-governmental organizations, local communities and other stakeholders in the field of disaster risk reduction,

#### **Expressing:**

- gratitude to national civil defence services of ICDO Member States and emergency structures of other countries for cooperation in the field of disaster risk reduction;
- deep concern that Member States and other countries remain vulnerable to threats due to the increasing incidence and intensity of disasters, climate change, urbanization, and the high vulnerability of the population and territories to those threats;

**Recalling the UN General Assembly Resolution 68/211** which welcomed the contribution of each country to develop a post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction,

**International Civil Defence Organization declares its resolution to:**

1. Facilitate the implementation in ICDO Member States goals, objectives and priorities for action Framework for Action on Disaster Reduction for the period after 2015;
2. Strengthen regional and international cooperation between national civil defence services of ICDO Member States and emergency structures of other countries through the development and improvement of the capacity of national civil defense services;
3. Develop and improve the legal framework and institutional mechanisms for regional, international and cross-border cooperation;
4. Assist national civil defence services of ICDO Member States and other countries for the development of bilateral and multilateral relations at various levels by establishing and improving sustainable mechanisms for regional and international cooperation, through organization of platforms, forums and dialogues;
5. Improve readiness to respond to disasters of national civil defense services of ICDO Member States and other countries at the local, national, regional and international level to effectively protect the population and territories from various disasters.