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Organization of work

Participation of Intergovernmental organizations in the work of the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Note by the Secretariat*

1. In its resolution 68/211, the General Assembly recognized the importance of the contributions and participation of all relevant stakeholders, including intergovernmental organizations at the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and its preparatory process.
2. The established accreditation procedure for reviewing applications from intergovernmental organizations takes into account the nature of the establishing agreement (a formal treaty or other legal instrument); the membership; the governing structure; and a proven track record of activities that is relevant to the substance of the conference.
3. The Conference secretariat has received and evaluated one completed application package by 15 June 2014, the deadline by which applications had to be submitted, for review by the first session of the Preparatory Committee. The intergovernmental organization Group on Earth Observations (GEO) has requested to participate in the work of the Third World Conference and its preparatory process, with observer status.

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