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**Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of  
the Commission, including the work of the regional  
institutions: disaster risk reduction****Draft resolution****Sponsored by: Mongolia and Thailand****Co-sponsored by: Japan and Pakistan****Enhancing regional cooperation for the implementation  
of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction  
2015-2030 in Asia and the Pacific***The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,*

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 69/283 of 3 June 2015, by which the Assembly endorsed the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, adopted by the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, held in Sendai, Japan, from 14 to 18 March 2015,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, in which it recognized the importance of promoting resilience and disaster risk reduction for sustainable development,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 71/276 of 2 February 2017, and welcoming the report of the open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction,<sup>1</sup>

*Recalling* General Assembly resolution 71/226 of 21 December 2016, in which it noted, inter alia, the convening of the International Conference on the Implementation of the Health Aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, held in Bangkok on 10 and 11 March 2016, which adopted the Bangkok Principles for the implementation of the health aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction

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<sup>1</sup> A/71/644.

2015-2030<sup>2</sup> as a contribution to the Sendai Framework to build resilient health systems,

*Recalling again* General Assembly resolution 71/226 of 21 December 2016, in which the Assembly reiterated its strong encouragement of, and the need for, effective coordination and coherence, as applicable, in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda,<sup>3</sup> the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Sendai Framework, while respecting the relevant mandates,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 70/203 of 22 December 2015 on World Tsunami Awareness Day,

*Recalling further* resolution 71/12 of 29 May 2015 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on strengthening regional mechanisms for the implementation of the Sendai Framework in Asia and the Pacific,

*Recalling its* resolution 72/11 of 19 May 2016 on advancing disaster-related statistics in Asia and the Pacific for implementation of internationally agreed development goals,

*Recalling also* its resolution 71/11 of 29 May 2015 on the establishment of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management, and recognizing the Centre's contribution to the attainment of the goals and targets of the Sendai Framework,

*Stressing* the need to enhance coordination among the entities of the United Nations system, including the funds, programmes and specialized agencies, and other international and regional organizations, as appropriate, to support member States in the implementation of the Sendai Framework,

*Stressing*, in this regard, the importance of effective coordination and coherence among regional institutions of the Commission, in particular the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management,

*Taking note* of the outcome documents of the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, held in New Delhi from 2 to 5 November 2016, namely the New Delhi declaration on disaster risk reduction in Asia and the Pacific 2016 and the Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,<sup>4</sup> consolidating the political commitment of Governments on preventing and reducing risk as well as strengthening resilience by accelerating the implementation and monitoring of the Sendai Framework in the region, as well as related events, including the Asia-Pacific Space Leaders Forum hosted by the Indian Space Research Organization and the Commission,

*Recognizing* the significance of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction Asia Partnership meeting, held in Ulaanbaatar from 5 to 7 April 2017, which facilitated the exchange of updates on the implementation of the

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<sup>2</sup> [www.who.int/hac/events/2016/Bangkok\\_Principles.pdf](http://www.who.int/hac/events/2016/Bangkok_Principles.pdf).

<sup>3</sup> General Assembly resolution 69/313, annex.

<sup>4</sup> See [www.unisdr.org/we/inform/events/46721](http://www.unisdr.org/we/inform/events/46721).

Asia Regional Plan for Implementation of the Sendai Framework and the progress on country disaster risk management status reviews for the implementation and monitoring of the Sendai Framework,

*Noting* that the third Asia-Pacific Water Summit is to be held in Yangon, Myanmar, in December 2017, at which participants will discuss various water-related issues, including water-related disasters and relevant recommendations for action,

1. *Invites* members and associate members, in coordination with relevant international organizations, the private sector and civil society, where appropriate, to enhance the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030<sup>5</sup> and relevant initiatives, including the Bangkok Principles for the implementation of the health aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,<sup>2</sup> with a view to ensuring more systematic cooperation, coherence and integration between disaster and health risk management;

2. *Encourages* members and associate members, the United Nations and other international organizations and agencies, as well as all other stakeholders in the relevant fields, as appropriate, to provide support to the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management and to cooperate for the achievement of its objectives and the implementation of its work programme;

3. *Invites* member States to participate in the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, to be held in Ulaanbaatar from 16 to 19 July 2018, at the highest level;

4. *Invites* members and associate members, in coordination with relevant international organizations, the private sector and civil society, as appropriate, to consider contributing financial and other relevant support to, as well as to identify new partners for, its Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Tsunami, Disaster and Climate Preparedness in Indian Ocean and Southeast Asian Countries in order to strengthen people-centred multi-hazard early warning systems in the region;

5. *Invites* all members and associate members, organizations of the United Nations system, other international and regional organizations as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe World Tsunami Awareness Day in an appropriate manner and in accordance with national priorities, in order to raise public awareness of the risk caused by tsunamis;

6. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to:

(a) Accord priority to synchronizing multi-disciplinary support to member States in the mainstreaming of disaster risk reduction in their development strategies, in line with the Sendai Framework and with the Sustainable Development Goals and targets relating to disaster risk reduction;

(b) Enhance inter-agency coordination with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and other United Nations bodies, as well as other relevant regional and international organizations, including as

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<sup>5</sup> General Assembly resolution 69/283, annex II.

outlined in the regional road map for implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific;<sup>6</sup>

(c) Reach out to new potential donors, where appropriate, and explore innovative resource mobilization opportunities to strengthen the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Tsunami, Disaster and Climate Preparedness in Indian Ocean and Southeast Asian Countries;

(d) Continue to support the work of the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific on strengthening linkages with the work of other international organizations and to ensure that the outcomes of its work are practical and consistent with the requirements of the agreed global frameworks;

(e) Continue to support the work of the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific on a disaster-related statistics framework and its implementation guidelines for the enhancement of the capacity of national statistical systems in the region to produce and use disaster-related statistics, including to improve national baselines with the required disaggregation for the relevant goals and targets of the Sendai Framework and the 2030 Agenda;<sup>7</sup>

(f) Continue to support and facilitate multi-hazard early warning systems, impact-based forecasting and disaster risk assessment to strengthen regional cooperation mechanisms;

(g) Continue to accord priority to the implementation of the plan of action<sup>8</sup> in promoting regional cooperation on space applications for the implementation of the Sendai Framework;

7. *Also requests* the Executive Secretary to report to the Commission at its seventy-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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<sup>6</sup> E/ESCAP/73/31, annex II.

<sup>7</sup> General Assembly resolution 70/1.

<sup>8</sup> Resolution 69/11, annex.