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Agenda items 3 (f) and (h)

Review of issues pertinent to the subsidiary structure of the Commission, including the work of the regional institutions:**Disaster risk reduction****Statistics****Draft resolution****Sponsored by: Philippines****Co-sponsored by: Indonesia****Advancing disaster-related statistics in Asia and the Pacific for implementation of internationally agreed development goals***The Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific,**Recalling* General Assembly resolution 70/1 of 25 September 2015 on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030,¹*Recalling also* resolution 69/12 of 1 May 2013 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on enhancing regional cooperation for building resilience to disasters in Asia and the Pacific, its resolution 67/11 of 25 May 2011 on strengthening statistical capacity in Asia and the Pacific, its resolution 70/2 of 23 May 2014 on disaster-related statistics in Asia and the Pacific, and its resolution 71/12 of 29 May 2015 on strengthening regional mechanisms for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in Asia and the Pacific,*Recalling further* Commission resolution 71/11 of 29 May 2015 on the establishment of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management and re-emphasizing that the Centre can play an important role in enhancing regional cooperation for resilience to disasters,*Noting with satisfaction* the substantial progress made by the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific, established by Commission resolution 70/2 of 23 May 2014 and mandated to develop a

¹ General Assembly resolution 69/283, annex II.

basic range of disaster-related statistics, including the design and pilot testing of a draft statistical framework for that purpose, and noting that progress was reported to the Commission in the note by the secretariat on the summary of progress in the implementation of Commission resolutions² and in the report of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction on its fourth session,³

Appreciating the guidance and oversight provided by the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Committee on Statistics to the work of the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics,

Recognizing the necessity of further work by the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics to finalize the draft statistical framework and to develop accompanying guidelines for the production of disaster-related statistics that respond to common needs for national monitoring and assessment of disaster risk reduction policies, while reflecting diverse national realities with respect to natural hazard exposure and the availability of data and statistical capacity in countries of the Asia-Pacific region,

Welcoming the efforts of the Open-Ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Indicators and Terminology relating to Disaster Risk Reduction, established by General Assembly resolution 69/284 of 3 June 2015, of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators of the United Nations Statistical Commission, and of the Task Force on Measuring Extreme Events and Disaster of the Conference of European Statisticians, and noting with satisfaction the collaboration and coordination between these initiatives and the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics to strengthen data and statistics for the implementation of internationally agreed development goals as they relate to disaster risk reduction,

1. *Decides* the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific shall continue to function towards the successful conclusion of its work;
2. *Requests* the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Committee on Statistics, supported by the secretariat, to continue to provide guidance and oversight to the work of the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics;
3. *Requests* the Executive Secretary to:
 - (a) Continue to accord priority to the support for the work of the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics;
 - (b) Report to the Commission at its seventy-fourth session on progress in the implementation of the present resolution.

² E/ESCAP/72/6, sect. V.E.

³ See E/ESCAP/72/19.