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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: Cambodia and Thailand****Advancing disaster-related statistics in Asia and the Pacific**

*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,

*Recalling also* General Assembly resolution 71/276 of 2 February 2017, in which the Assembly acknowledged the conclusion of the work of the open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction and endorsed its recommendations to, inter alia, support States Members of the United Nations in the operationalization of the global indicators to measure progress towards the achievement of the global targets of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030<sup>1</sup> and the relevant targets of the Sustainable Development Goals,

*Recalling further* General Assembly resolution 69/283 of 3 June 2015 on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, particularly paragraph 24 of annex II on priority action at national and local levels on understanding disaster risk,

*Recalling* resolution 72/11 of 19 May 2016 of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific on advancing disaster-related statistics in Asia and the Pacific for the implementation of internationally agreed development goals, Commission resolution 71/12 of 29 May 2015 on strengthening regional mechanisms for the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction in Asia and the Pacific and Commission

<sup>1</sup> General Assembly resolution 69/283, annex II.

resolution 70/2 of 23 May 2014, in which it established the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific,

*Recalling also* decision 49/113 of 9 March 2018 of the Statistical Commission, as contained in its report on its forty-ninth session, held from 6 to 9 March 2018,<sup>2</sup> in which it welcomed a greater focus on disaster-related statistics given the importance of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and included in the agenda of its fiftieth session a separate item on that topic, building on existing work of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Europe and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction,

*Noting* the outcomes of the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific, including the design and pilot testing of the Disaster-related Statistics Framework and associated guidance on the production and analysis of a harmonized basic range of disaster-related statistics by national agencies,<sup>3</sup>

*Recalling* Commission resolution 71/11 of 29 May 2015 on the establishment of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management, in which the Commission recognized that the main objective of the Centre would be, inter alia, to strengthen regional cooperation on information sharing and management of disaster risk reduction,

*Noting* the efforts by the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific to coordinate with related initiatives and to align the Disaster-related Statistics Framework with the work of the open-ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology relating to disaster risk reduction, established by the General Assembly in its resolution 69/284 of 3 June 2015, of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators of the Statistical Commission, of the Task Force on Measuring Extreme Events and Disaster of the Conference of European Statisticians, and of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management,

*Acknowledging* the guidance and oversight provided by the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction and the Committee on Statistics to the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific on its work,

*Recognizing* the necessity of advancing the implementation of the Disaster-related Statistics Framework and of continuing regional coordination, especially exchanges of best practices and technical support for the production and dissemination of harmonized disaster-related statistics for multiple purposes, including reporting on international indicators,

1. *Requests* the Committee on Statistics, at its sixth session, and the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction, at its sixth session, to review the results of the work of the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific and to submit those reviews to the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific at its seventy-sixth session;

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<sup>2</sup> *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2018, Supplement No. 4* (E/2018/24), chap. I, sect. B.

<sup>3</sup> See ESCAP/74/24.

2. *Requests* the Executive Secretary:

(a) To continue to support the development of disaster-related statistics using the framework of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction Sendai Monitoring;

(b) To continue to accord priority to coordination with other national and international institutions, including through the Global Partnership on Disaster-related Statistics, the working group on geospatial information and services for disasters of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management, the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific, and the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management, in order to help to ensure alignment with internationally agreed development goals and to continue to foster cooperation and synergies among relevant initiatives on statistical development and geospatial information management;

(c) To support the preparation of a joint report by the Secretary-General, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Europe and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, pursuant to decision 49/113 of the Statistical Commission, taking into consideration the work of the Expert Group on Disaster-related Statistics in Asia and the Pacific.

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