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Disaster Risk Reduction  
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## PARLIAMENTARY MEETING ON THE OCCASION OF THE THIRD WORLD CONFERENCE ON DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

### DRAFT Outcome Statement

Fifty (50) Parliamentarians from 22 countries in Africa, Americas, Asia and Europe and Regional Parliaments met in Sendai, Japan at the 3<sup>rd</sup> United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, jointly facilitated by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR).

The aim of this event is to reaffirm parliaments and parliamentarians' commitments to disaster risk reduction particularly to the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

Parliamentarians **noted the achievements of the Hyogo Framework for Action** in saving lives and reducing disaster impacts and are proud of our contributions to these achievements. The HFA implementation has witnessed a growth of national and regional legislation and the establishment of institutions to manage disasters and disaster risks; increasing budget allocation; and open deliberations on accountability to stop disaster risk to mount.

The number of Resolutions of Parliamentarians on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation adopted in the last ten years demonstrates Parliamentarians' increasing understanding and commitment to address these important development issues.<sup>1</sup>

Parliamentarians **welcome the proposed focus of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction** on tackling the underlying causes of the current worrisome disaster risk trend. We concur that without preventing risk creation, reducing existing risk and strengthening resilience, sustainable development with '*resilient people, resilient planet*' would not be possible.

Parliamentarians **call for coherence of the three important post-2015 international frameworks** – the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction, the Sustainable Development Goals and climate change

Parliamentarians and Regional Parliaments **commit to the following actions in support of the post-2015 framework for DRR** in our roles as political leaders, legislators and policy monitors:

1. **Obtain the highest level political support for the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.** Integrating the post-2015 framework for disaster risk into the necessary legislative support for its implementation.

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<sup>1</sup> See Annex 1 for the list of these Resolutions

2. **Strengthen legislative framework** to support a paradigm shift toward risk-sensitive and resilient development. Developing new or amending existing legislations in line with a set of standard indicators for effective legislation in this regard will be our focus.
3. **Support improved institutional set up for governing of disaster risk reduction.** Review current institutional arrangements for disaster management and risk reduction and initiate reforms. Institutional improvements should include: clear roles and responsibilities at all levels of the government for DRR, strengthened coordination to ensure risk-sensitive investments and promote investments for disaster risk reduction.
4. **Promote local capacity building.** Delegating responsibilities for disaster risk reduction to local levels accompanied with adequate capacity and resources of local governments and communities. Parliamentarians will promote budget allocation for building local capacity and community-based initiatives for reducing risks and building community resilience.
5. **Establish strong oversight to enhance accountability.** Parliamentary oversight should be supported by independent experts and active involvement of citizens. As people's representatives, Parliamentarians commit to promoting the role of communities and open and transparent access to information by the public.
6. **Enhance parliamentary cooperation for disaster risk reduction.** The continued implementation of the adopted Parliamentary resolutions related to disaster risk reduction will complement the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction, Parliaments and Parliamentarians' dialogues and sharing of knowledge and experience will help engaging more parliamentarians to work for a resilient and sustainable future.

## Annex 1 – Parliamentary Resolutions related to Disaster Risk Reduction

20.03.2014	130th IPU Assembly, Resolution Towards Risk Resilient Development
06.06.2014	2nd World Summit of Legislators
2013	The Parlantino's Protocol for Managing Disaster Risks, which enables 23 member states to incorporate guiding principles of building resilience into existing or emerging legislation
	The (amended) European Parliament Basic Law for Development Cooperation Instrument, which allows support to vulnerability and risk reduction in developing countries
04.10.2012	The Declaration of the 7th Asia-European Parliamentary Partnership (ASEP7) Vientiane, Lao PDR, affirms Asian and European Parliamentarians' commitment to address critical issues in disaster risk reduction and management for sustainable development.
16.03.2012	The Dhaka Parliamentary Declaration commits to mainstream climate change adaptation and mitigation measures into parliaments.
09.12.2011	The IPU Parliamentary Meeting on the occasion of the United Nations Climate Change Conference calls on Governments to prioritize disaster risk reduction and capacity-building as cross-cutting issues and to give them their utmost attention and reiterates parliamentarians' commitment to assist their governments in implementing existing and future climate change and disaster risk reduction agreements.
27.11.2010	The Manila Call for Action of Parliamentarians on Applying Disaster Risk Reduction as an Instrument for Achieving the Millennium Development Goals calls on Governments to allocate 1% of national development budgets for reducing disaster risks.
Various dates	IPU Resolutions of the 108th, 112th, 113th and 122nd and 123rd Inter-Parliamentary Assemblies emphasize that disaster risk management is an important element for achieving the MDGs and sustainable development, stress the importance of implementing the Hyogo Framework For Action and urge all parliaments to foster a strong political will and take actions.
24.11.2009	The Malta Declaration of the Commitment by Parliamentarians to COP 15 and Beyond.
20.02.2009	The Nairobi Action Plan for African Parliamentarians on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation.
18.10.2008	The Manila Call for Action of Parliamentarians on Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation.