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## OTSUMA declaration

The UN world conference of Disaster Risk Reduction,

*Approving* the contributions made by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR),

*Deplored* by the existence of nations that cannot take meaningful actions for disaster prevention and recovery due to insufficient funding, technology, and staff,

*Concerned* by the fact that refugees arising from natural disasters have no place to go,

*Concerned* by the fact that refugees arising from natural disaster not coming back to their countries of origins has a negative effect on the countries' reconstruction,

*Emphasizing* the need to educate citizens on disaster prevention,

*Recognizing* that sharing information between nations is crucial for nations to provide the necessary aid and enables citizens to take measures against disasters,

*Approving* the positive effects the Disaster Resilience Scorecard has on disaster prevention,

*Recognizing* the need for countries to cooperate with surrounding nations for the purpose of preventing disasters,

*Emphasizing* the fact that the situation regarding natural disasters changes regularly,

*Recognizing* that hazard maps hold a crucial role in disaster prevention,

*Concerned* by the fact that there are still many obstacles that prevent people from using evacuation areas, such as how people in evacuation areas are deprived of their privacy,

*Emphasizing* that cooperation within regional communities is crucial for decreasing those affected by disasters,

*Concerned* by the fact that many impoverished people are unable to evacuate due to economic restrictions,

*Emphasizing* the positive effect evacuation practices have,

*Emphasizing* the need to respect different religions' values,

*Concerned* by the fact that many societally weak people are unable to have access to economic activity,

*Emphasizing* the importance of respecting societally weak people's opinions,

*Deploring* the situation that there are no funds which promote disaster prevention,

*Recognizing* the importance of protecting cultural properties,

*Emphasizing* the need for recipients of financial and technological aid to maintain transparency as to how the aid is being used,

1. *Requests* Member States with the ability to provide the following aid to countries in need through the UNDRR:
  - a. Aid for planting Mangrove trees,
  - b. Long-term provision of emergency foods, water, and blankets,
  - c. Technological and financial aid for the establishment of shelters:
    - i. Providing sanitary items,
    - ii. Providing lighting technologies,
    - iii. Providing toilets;
  - d. Deployment of technicians and professionals for the purpose of educating local citizens,
  - e. Aid to install sufficient water supply and drainage systems,
  - f. Medical aid, namely provision of medicine,
  - g. Financial and technical aid to install infrastructure to receive and process information both domestically and internationally, namely for receiving meteorological information,
  - h. Aid to install sufficient infrastructure at ports,
  - i. Support for the development of multi hazard early warning systems, and information infrastructure including radio systems,
  - j. Technical support for building structure using antiseismic technology,
  - k. Providing know-how on evacuation drills;
2. *Requests* Member States to implement the following in terms of refugees arising from natural disasters with each Member State's situation in mind:
  - a. Acceptance of refugees arising from surrounding countries,
  - b. Maintenance and establishment of routes for refugees to evacuate, while emphasizing that refugees are not limited to them;
3. *Requests* Member States accepting refugees to facilitate refugees arising from natural disasters going back to their countries of origin;

4. *Requests* Member States to do the following in terms of education, including folklore:
  - a. Introduction of disaster prevention into curriculums for all children,
  - b. Establishment of educational facilities that can also serve as evacuation spots,
  - c. Raising awareness of organizations on disaster reduction,
  - d. Establishing a support system for international training and awareness-raising activities;
5. *Requests* Member States to introduce the following for the purpose of providing citizens, including women and less privileged people, with necessary access to information:
  - a. Early warning system for disasters,
  - b. Sufficient disaster risk information;
6. *Requests* Member States the following for the purpose of introducing an insurance system for disasters:
  - a. Deployment of professionals to countries in need,
  - b. Cooperation between various institutions within the country;
7. *Requests* Member States to gradually introduce the Disaster Resilience Score Card;
8. *Requests* Member States to strengthen cooperation between countries of the same region;
9. *Requests* Member States to conduct zoning operations on the following to regularly review hazards and necessary actions:
  - a. Economic activity,
  - b. Agricultural production,
  - c. Populated areas;
10. *Requests* Member States to encourage everyone, including societally vulnerable people, to utilize shelters by making the shelters more sanitary and accessible take actions to maintain privacy within evacuation areas;
11. *Requests* Member States to take actions to invigorate regional cooperation at the time of disasters;
12. *Requests* Member States to do the following in order to protect the rights of impoverished people:
  - a. Maintenance of routes for impoverished people to evacuate,
  - b. Maintenance of minimal clothing, food, and housing for impoverished people in evacuation areas;
13. *Requests* Member States to conduct evacuation practices in every regional community;
14. *Requests* Members States to respect female opinions by condemning actions that violate their sovereignty;
15. *Requests* Member States to take actions to help societally weak people and woman to gain access to economic activity and disaster information;

16. *Requests* Member States to respect societally weak people's opinions in the process of decision-making;
17. *Urges* all Member States to create a new fund which is the following:
  - a. The fund is established as support to strengthen disaster prevention, not as support after the disaster occurrence,
  - b. Protecting cultural property,
  - c. Making a concrete index based on the disaster situation's report of 2~5 year and GDP, and distribute an appropriate amount of support funds based on the index submitted by each country;
18. *Urges* developing Member States to take South-South cooperation;
19. *Urges* all Member States to promote international humanitarian aids;
20. *Requests* Member States to regularly submit reports to the UNDRR under the following details:
  - a. The submission of a report every 2 years covering each member states' situations, the ratio of those affected, and education in order to determine how much aid each country would provide and receive aid,
  - b. The mandatory submission of a report every 5 years covering how aid is being used in countries receiving them,
  - c. Sub clause a and b to be conducted with the help of the third party-committee established under the UNDRR at the discretion of each member state;
21. *Urges* each Member State establish system to rapidly request aid in emergency situations;
22. *Urges* each Member State to submit a report post-disaster on the effect and use of emergency funds of the disaster under the following circumstances:
  - a. Mandatory submission if the member state facing the disaster received aid after the country received aid,
  - b. Submission of the report is at the country's discretion of the member state did not receive any international aid, but is deeply encouraged.