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## TOWARDS RISK-RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT: TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND NATURAL CONSTRAINTS

***Amendments to the draft resolution submitted within the statutory deadline by the delegations of Bahrain, Canada, China, Finland, France, Germany, India, Jordan, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland***

### PREAMBLE

New preambular paragraph 1bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 1 to read as follows:

**(1bis) *Noting* that development patterns, including poorly planned and managed urbanization, population growth in high-risk areas, endemic poverty, weak governance and institutions and environmental degradation, are important drivers of disaster risk,**

*(Canada)*

Preambular paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

(2) *Noting* that disasters, especially those resulting from climate change and exacerbated by population growth and distribution **and other factors such as poor use and management of resources**, have been identified by the international community, for instance in the Outcome Document of the Rio+20 Conference, as major challenges for sustainable development,

*(Switzerland)*

New preambular paragraph 2bis

Add a new paragraph after preambular paragraph 2 to read as follows:

**(2bis) *Reaffirming* the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005–2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disaster, and *underscoring* the need to accelerate its implementation at international, regional, national, and particularly local levels,**

*(Canada)*

Preambular paragraph 3

Amend to read as follows:

(3) *Recognizing* the urgent need to integrate **and build stronger linkages between and among** policies and programmes **relating to** disaster risk reduction **and disaster recovery**, climate change, **long-term economic and social development, urban planning**, demographic dynamics and environmental protection, so as to be able to address the underlying causes of disaster risk,

*(Canada)*

Preambular paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

(4) *Also recognizing* that global population growth, which is expected to continue for several more decades, and demographic distribution, especially increased population density and urbanization, heighten vulnerability to disasters and that the demographic factor, **which is one among other factors**, has a direct effect on food security and self-sufficiency in areas that are prone to drought-induced famine and malnutrition,

(Switzerland)

Preambular paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

(5) *Underscoring* that demographic dynamics ~~are a significant contributor to climate change and disaster risk insofar as they~~ place additional stress on natural resources, heighten the vulnerability of communities to natural hazards and add to the human impact on ecosystems, primarily by increasing demands for food, fresh water, timber and fuel,

(India)

Preambular paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Affirming* that all women have the right to ~~plan their own lives, including when and whether to have~~ **refrain from having children in cases where pregnancy poses a risk to their lives**, and ~~stressing that unintended pregnancy is the factor of continued population growth most amenable to policy intervention,~~

(Bahrain)

Amend to read as follows:

(6) *Affirming* that all women have the right to plan their own lives, including when and whether to have children, and *stressing* that unintended pregnancy is ~~the~~ **one** factor of continued population growth most amenable to policy intervention,

(Switzerland)

Preambular paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Convinced* that addressing disaster risk resilience and ~~population dynamics~~ in the context of sustainable development is a matter of political responsibility and that parliamentarians have a critical role to play in ensuring that the political will exists to achieve results through legislation, policy oversight and the allocation of resources,

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

(7) *Convinced* that **governments are a critical stakeholder in** addressing disaster risk resilience and population dynamics in the context of sustainable development, **which** is a matter of political responsibility and that parliamentarians have a critical role to play in ensuring that the political will exists to achieve results through legislation, policy oversight and the allocation of resources,

(Bahrain)

Preambular paragraph 8

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Underscoring* the need **to take measures to encourage** for education at all levels, ~~and the importance of winning over~~ **to mobilize** local players **stakeholders** in order ~~to raise~~ **raising** awareness of disaster risks ~~resilience and related demographic issues~~ and to galvanize **generate** public support for the ~~necessary~~ measures **necessary to build resiliency**,

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Underscoring* the need for education at all levels ~~and the importance of winning over local players in order~~ to raise awareness of disaster risk resilience and related demographic issues and to galvanize public support for the necessary measures,

(Sweden)

Amend to read as follows:

(8) *Underscoring* the need for education **as an investment in people** at all levels and the importance of winning over local players in order to raise awareness of disaster risk resilience and related demographic issues and to galvanize public support for the necessary measures – **a testimony of social responsibility, with awareness of disaster risks equally important as disaster reduction**,

(Jordan)

**OPERATIVE PART**

Operative paragraph 1

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Calls on* all members of parliament to acquire information on and knowledge of issues related to disaster and risk trends, so as to enhance their oversight role in reducing the impact and risk of disasters, **in building resiliency, and in protecting** people and ~~socio-economic development~~ **in safeguarding development gains** from disasters and **the effects of** climate change;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

1. *Calls on* all members of parliament to acquire information on and knowledge of issues related to disaster and risk trends, so as to enhance their oversight role in reducing the impact and risk of disasters and protect people and socio-economic development from disasters and climate change, **while guaranteeing that this issue becomes a priority on the national agenda and that the relevant measures and actions are implemented;**

(Spain)

Operative paragraph 2

Amend to read as follows:

2. *Also calls on* all members of parliament to take immediate action to review existing legislation related to disaster risk reduction, **based on the reality of communities, considering their environment, natural habitat and people as the main resources for developing relevant processes as well as** so as to determine whether it is sufficient to hold key players, including policymakers and the private sector, to account for the consequences of risk-intensive development policies or investments;

(Spain)

New operative paragraph 2bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 2 to read as follows:

- 2bis. Invites the United Nations to formalize the principle of reparation for victims of natural disasters and reparation for damage caused by States with development strategies that run counter to the recommendations of the Rio Conference on Sustainable Development;**

*(France)*

Operative paragraph 4

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Also appeals* to all governments to improve and enhance their mechanisms for disaster risk reduction, **set up mechanisms for the adequate enforcement of land use, planning and construction safety laws, conduct awareness campaigns aimed at reducing the vulnerability of formal and informal constructions, as well as and** ensure that development policy and strategies build the disaster risk resilience of their people and the economy by improving legislation, institutional frameworks, policy and accountability for disaster-resilient development;

*(Spain)*

Amend to read as follows:

4. *Also appeals* to all governments to improve and enhance their mechanisms for disaster risk reduction, **notably through drawing up a map of at-risk areas by nature of risk and through putting in place early warning systems,** and ensure that development policy and strategies build the disaster risk resilience of their people and the economy by improving legislation, institutional frameworks, policy and accountability for disaster-resilient development;

*(France)*

New operative paragraphs 4bis, 4ter, 4quater and 4quinquies

Add four new paragraphs after operative paragraph 4 to read as follows:

- 4bis. Calls on governments and parliaments to integrate gender and age perspectives into the design and implementation of all phases of risk management, including disaster recovery;**

- 4ter. Encourages governments and parliaments to build resiliency to disasters by investing in shock resistant infrastructure and inclusive social protection systems, particularly for vulnerable and at-risk communities;**

- 4quater. Calls on governments and parliaments to advance food security and to promote sustainable agricultural development, with a particular emphasis on strategies that prioritize the needs and circumstances of rural communities, as key components of resilient communities;**

- 4quinquies. Urges governments and parliaments to invest in early warning systems, and to ensure that those systems are integrated in their disaster risk reduction strategies, relevant governmental policy and decision-making processes, and emergency management systems at the national and local levels;**

*(Canada)*

Operative paragraph 5

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Urges* the United Nations system and other international and intergovernmental organizations to promote ~~disaster risk assessment~~ **the building of resiliency to disasters and shocks** as a precondition for decisions on social initiatives, economic programmes and investment at national level and **fundamental aspect of development, to ensure that resiliency and risk assessments are integrated into international efforts targeting poverty reduction and sustainable development, and** to be a role model for improved governance for disaster risk reduction by advocating the key principles thereof, acting transparently and ~~being accountable~~ **with accountability** for the consequences of decisions on country-level programmes and investment;

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

5. *Urges* the United Nations system and other international and intergovernmental organizations to promote disaster risk assessment as a precondition for decisions on social initiatives, economic programmes and investment at national level and to be a role model for improved governance for disaster risk reduction by advocating the key principles thereof, acting transparently and being accountable for the consequences of decisions on country-level programmes and investment, **and to provide special support to developing countries so that the findings of relevant reports can be implemented and solutions can be found to facilitate the financing of mitigation works in those countries;**

(Spain)

Operative paragraph 6

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Also urges* governments to **identify concrete measures such as birth control and** integrate factors of population growth, family planning and demographic dynamics into policy measures for sustainable development, which should also promote resilience to disasters and to climate change;

(Finland)

Amend to read as follows:

6. *Also urges* governments to integrate factors of population growth, family planning ~~and~~ demographic dynamics **and any associated human rights factors (human trafficking, children's and women's rights, etc.)** into policy measures for sustainable development, which should also promote resilience to disasters and to climate change;

(Bahrain)

New operative paragraph 6bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 6 to read as follows:

- 6bis. Urges governments to work on guaranteeing access for men, women and adolescents to information on sexual and reproductive health, as well as related services, treatment, care and support; reminds governments that they must guarantee these individuals the right to decide themselves about matters affecting their sexual and reproductive health;**

(Switzerland)

Operative paragraph 7

Amend to read as follows:

7. *Calls on* parliaments to work, at national, regional and international level, for the inclusion of ~~a reproductive health indicator~~ as part of the post-2015 development ~~goals~~ **agenda** in the areas of health, equity and women's empowerment, to promote a rights-based approach to reproductive health and to take appropriate measures, through legislation and budget allocations, to provide universal access to voluntary family planning services;

*(China)*

New operative paragraph 8bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 8 to read as follows:

- 8bis. Also urges governments and the United Nations system to ensure that the post-2015 development agenda and the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction are mutually reinforcing;**

*(Canada)*

New operative paragraph 10bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 10 to read as follows:

- 10bis. Calls for the involvement, together with governments and parliaments, of civil society, the private sector and the scientific community with a view to reducing disaster risks and promote measures to fight problems arising from climate change;**

*(Spain)*

Operative paragraph 11

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Calls on* parliaments to scrutinize government policy and actions with regard to disaster risk reduction, climate change and sustainable development, and to use all legal instruments to ensure that disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures are integrated into national planning and budgeting processes; **and calls for the setting up of environmental committees and committees to study climate change in those parliaments where they do not exist, with a view to being aware of and analysing all the issues related to sustainable development in order to promote measures and strategies to prevent and alleviate them;**

*(Spain)*

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Calls on* parliaments to scrutinize government policy and actions with regard to disaster risk reduction, climate change and sustainable development, and to use all ~~legal~~ **available** instruments, **including legislation**, to ensure that disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures are integrated into national planning and budgeting processes;

*(Canada)*

Amend to read as follows:

11. *Calls on* parliaments to scrutinize government policy and actions with regard to disaster risk reduction, climate change and sustainable development, and to use all legal instruments, **in particular environmental and public policy impact studies**, to ensure that disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures are integrated into national planning and budgeting processes;

*(France)*

Operative paragraph 12

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Urges* donor countries and international development agencies to take a responsible approach and play a leading role in integrating disaster risk reduction and reproductive health measures, **in particular consideration of the rights to sexual and reproductive health of each individual**, into development planning and programmes, to ensure that aid-supported development activities contribute to disaster risk-resilient development;

(Switzerland)

Amend to read as follows:

12. *Urges* donor countries and international development agencies to take a responsible approach and play a leading role in integrating disaster risk reduction and reproductive health measures into development planning and programmes, **not only** to ensure that aid-supported development activities contribute to disaster risk-resilient development, **but also ensure reduced aid dependency by recipient countries**;

(Jordan)

New operative paragraph 12bis

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 12 to read as follows:

- 12bis. Calls on all parliamentarians to make combating corruption and illegal financial flows a priority as these affect significantly the mobilization and proper allocation of resources to the detriment of the environmental components of sustainable development programmes;**

(France)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 12 to read as follows:

- 12bis. Urges donor and recipient countries to increasingly focus on promoting national resource management, particularly management of water and energy resource supplies and use in order to prevent and mitigate high disaster risks, strengthen resilience and ultimately contribute to sustainable development;**

(Jordan)

Add a new paragraph after operative paragraph 12 to read as follows:

- 12bis. Also urges governments, parliaments and international organizations to enhance international cooperation in support of risk management and resilient development through technical assistance and capacity-building, as appropriate, in developing countries;**

(Canada)

Operative paragraph 13

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Calls on* all parliaments to drive the process for political ownership and will at **the governmental level** in order to achieve tangible results in sustainable development and to contain human-induced environmental changes that contribute to the occurrence or severity of natural disasters, especially as a result of climate change; in particular, *calls for* the conclusion **by 2015** of an ambitious global ~~successor treaty to the Kyoto Protocol~~ **agreement that has legal force under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and is applicable to all Parties;**

(Canada)

Amend to read as follows:

13. *Calls on* all parliaments to drive the process for political ownership and will at government level in order to achieve tangible results in sustainable development and to contain human-induced environmental changes that contribute to the occurrence or severity of natural disasters, especially as a result of climate change; in particular *calls for* the conclusion of ~~an ambitious global successor treaty to the Kyoto Protocol~~ **a comprehensive, balanced and equitable climate change agreement** by 2015;

*(India)*

Amend to read as follows:

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*(Germany)*