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(Gavel.)

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Distinguished Delegates, ladies and
gentlemen, I call to order the third Plenary meeting of the
Second Session of the Preparatory Committee for the Third U.N.
World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

I now invite the Preparatory Committee to resume its
consideration of Agenda Item 5 entitled "Considerations on the
post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction."

I will now go over the timeline for the negotiations
on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. As
Delegations are well aware negotiations on the last outcome
document for the conference have been produced on the basis of
the Zero Draft that the Co-chairs circulated on 20 October 2014.

At the outset of the negotiations, and as agreed by the
Prep Com yesterday, we agreed that we would go through the Zero
Draft paragraph-by-paragraph. The negotiations commenced
yesterday at 3:00 o'clock. They went on until 2:00 o'clock this
morning, and then they continued again this morning at 10:00
o'clock. They went on until 3:00 p.m.

In that time we were able to finish paragraphs 1 to 23 of
the Zero Draft, all except one paragraph contain proposals for

amendments by Delegations, which means that from the Zero Draft paragraph, from 24 until the end, the paragraph 40, are still to be covered in our future discussions.

I also would like to remind Delegations on what was agreed by this Prep Com yesterday, ie. that States were allowed to submit inviting their text proposals, on those proposals that they made during the negotiations yesterday and today ie. paragraphs 1 to 23, for inclusion in the first draft by today, 1800, ie. 6:00 p.m. today Geneva time that is, of course.

The Prep Com agreed yesterday that States may continue to submit proposals in writing concerning paragraphs 24 to 40 to Co-chairs until 20 November by 6:00 p.m. yet again Geneva time, for incorporation in the compilation document to be used as a reference for the future negotiations as mandated, as I already said, by this Prep Com. This document will also include proposals submitted earlier by Member States on paragraphs which have not yet been considered during the negotiations at this Second Session of the Preparatory Committee. I repeat again that those paragraphs are 24 to 40.

The Co-chairs intend to circulate the first draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction by 21st November, 2014. And that will then include all the proposals made by the Member States to from paragraph 1 to 23. And we will further then circulate the compilation document by 28 November, and that is possible amendments that Member States have submitted already now, or will submit by 20 November to Co-chairs on paragraphs 24 to 40.

As discussed in the negotiation segment earlier today, our intention going forward is to convene open-ended negotiations in two rounds in Geneva. The first round of negotiations will be held in December, and the dates are still to be confirmed on the basis of our further discussions among the Co-chairs and with the Bureaux members. The second round will take place in January 2015, yet again the dates are to be confirmed at the latest date. This is, of course, with a view to producing a second draft of post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

Delegations I remind, but by the 31st of January the second draft will be submitted for issuance and an advance unedited copy will be circulated to the States and made available in the office of the conference website.

On behalf of my Co-chair and I, I would like to inform the Delegations that it is our intention to invite Ambassador Wayne McCook of Jamaica to continue his work with informal Working Group on targets and indicators to support our Future Work.

Therefore may I take it that the Preparatory Committee agrees to continue to proceed with open-ended negotiations on the draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction in

December 2014 and in January 2015, as well as to hold further negotiations as required with the view to producing a second draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction?

I understand there are a few requests for the floor. I was informed that Peru requested for the floor, followed by Algeria. Peru, you have the floor.

>> PERU: Thank you very much, Co-chair. First of all, I would like yet again to thank you, Co-chairs, for the wonderful work that you are carrying out and for this huge responsibility that you have taken on, which is to guide Member States in defining a new framework for such an important topic.

I would like to assure you of the complete and utmost support of my Delegation throughout the process. I asked the floor to mention two points. First of all, we would like to mention the dates that have been read for the Future Working sessions. In particular, the dates you first put forth for the December session that we may be holding. At previous times, and it has been mentioned in previous meetings as well, these dates are the same ones as the parties will be held in Lima. My Delegation will be there on the 20th and we don't really see how this could take, this meeting could take place at the same time as the meeting we are discussing here. So our request is that you Co-chairs take this into account, the fact that these two meetings are being planned for the same dates, and that you do your utmost to avoid them being organised during the same period so that Delegations aren't faced with the difficult choice of having to decide which meeting they will attend. Many of us cover both topics and we do our best to work on these topics. This is why we would like to make this request and we hope that you will take it into account.

The second point is regarding the process itself, the process that we are working on. My Delegation believes that it is important that we deal with the first reading of this document as was requested by the Member States. In other words, proceed one paragraph at a time with the Zero Draft. We need to finalize these documents by December and once it is finalized, my Delegation believes that before moving on to the next step we would definitely require you to guide us, you the Co-chair, to assist us in giving more impetus to this process and achieving consensus. We believe that this is all the more important that we have little time ahead of us. We don't yet know either how many additional meetings we will require. We therefore feel that once we've done a first reading of the text and before launching into the second reading, we could possibly find out from you, Co-chairs, how we could read each of the paragraphs such as already has been reviewed by the Delegations. Maybe you could consider a consensus reading or initial consensus reading.

You could maybe make a proposal for each of the paragraphs on the basis of what you interpret as being an initial or emerging consensus for each of these paragraphs.

This proposal is made with the idea that you Co-chairs have a role to play in guiding us Member States in order for us to achieve a consensus.

We cannot wait for the very last minute before achieving a document which is entirely. Thank you very much, Chair.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you very much for your kind words on behalf of the Co-chairs.

At this point I would like to inform all the Delegations that now the time is really of essence. We will lose the interpretation around 6. So I will obviously allow all Delegations to take the floor as they wish, but there is also a lot of formal Agenda points that this Preparatory Committee will need to finalize. So I ask for your cooperation in this respect that you would keep your statements extremely brief and concise and to the point so that we are able to finalize the agenda.

Next on my list is Algeria. You have the floor.

>> ALGERIA: Thank you very much, Madam co-president. The Delegation of Algeria would like to once again express to you co-presidents for accepting this important responsibility. We also would like to thank you for the work that you carried out and the way you are guiding the work here. The Delegation of Algeria shares your views related to the need to continue negotiations in December and January in an open-ended format in order to complete our review of the document, paragraphs 23 through 40, and then go through a second reading of the text.

Now, if it turns out that we would need more time, perhaps we should leave the door open to perhaps have another round of consultations at the end of January. And I think including this possibility in the conclusions and the report of the Committee would be something that would be very useful for continuation of our work.

Now, the second point our Delegation would like to raise, since we discussed this during the informal consultations, relates to the process of, the consultations that are crucial for concluding our work correctly. We have listened to the proposals that were made by certain Delegations, something we find to be very interesting and important. And here in my official capacity, not to single out any Delegations, not to refer to names of Delegations, but I think co-presidents can suggest paragraphs that would enjoy consensus. I think this is a very interesting suggestion, but this can also lead to some questions and lead to some concerns among Delegations, namely the question to know how the co-presidents will carry out their work to prepare these paragraphs that would enjoy consensus.

How will this be done? Will these be in some consultations involving a limited number of Delegations? Or the co-presidents will be carrying out this work themselves? We can think about an alternative, namely that the co-presidents can prepare some proposals related to the language in the paragraphs, paragraphs that have created some difficulties, but these paragraphs should be placed in square brackets and added to the other proposals contained in the compilation of the proposals. I think this will really help us in our work and help us achieve progress in our negotiations.

So these are the ideas my Delegation wished to share with States and other participants on the Second Session of the Prep Com. Thank you.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you very much, Distinguished Delegate from Algeria. On your first point I can confirm that the draft position I read out included also the possibility of holding further negotiations as required.

On the second point, my general comment is that we are at your disposal and of course we will work under your guidance and exactly in a manner as you deem appropriate and necessary.

I will move on to Sweden. You have the floor.

>> SWEDEN: Thank you, distinguished Co-chairs and colleagues. The way forward is what interests us all. The train has left the station. It is on its way to stop at the next station in December when we have finished the first reading.

How to go forward from that, what we will have then after the first reading. Our suggestion is, and we would like to see the Co-chairs to produce on the basis of the text emanating from the first reading a new draft proposal to be the basis and help for negotiations in January. Of course, producing that new draft proposal in close consultations with interested parties and States on the basis of the suggestions made during the work today and the work being done in December.

We think that this would be the most fruitful way of moving forward. We suggest so in line with what the Peruvian Delegate said. We are short of time and we would like to have an agreed text as soon as possible before Sendai. Thank you.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: I thank the Distinguished Delegate of Sweden for the proposal. I still have a couple requests for the floor, so I will give the floor to Morocco followed by Canada.

>> MOROCCO: Thank you very much, co-presidents. Morocco is very pleased with the spirit in which the informal consultations were held and the negotiations of draft zero. I think this is a victory for multilateralism. But we should still continue to move forward under the leadership of the Ambassador of Thailand and Finland, our two co-presidents and

Ambassador of Jamaica who carried out excellent work guiding the work of the Informal Group on indicators.

Now, co-presidents, Morocco favors the second option. In other words, we should postpone our negotiations until mid December to give experts the possibility, those who will be participating in the climate change conference in Lima, to do their work in Lima and then come back and be in a position to continue negotiations starting in mid December. I think to date we managed to achieve the maximum in terms of value-added in this intergovernmental work. This is a success. We have seen the work carried out by the countries of the north. The countries of the South, Island States, LDCs, others. We should focus on this multilateral approach. We should preserve this process and not undermine it.

This is why we should ensure that this is a transparent process which is very flexible. And multilateralism is indeed something that is very flexible. If we are involved in multilateral work, then we are flexible. Without that, we cannot participate in multilateralism. And multilateralism is compromised. If we are not in agreement with compromise, then we are outside of multilateralism.

We are negotiating resiliency. This is something that is very important for humanity. It is not something that is material. So we have to look forward. We have to see how things will turn out and how they will, we have to take into consideration the opinions of others. In the end, indeed we will succeed in reducing disaster risks.

Let us be flexible. Let us continue to work hard. I would really like to congratulate everyone on this victory that we achieved over the last couple of days. We have received some specific results and specific examples of multilateralism, working in an intergovernmental format. This is indeed the value added of this type of work.

I would like to sincerely thank all stakeholders who have participated in this process. Thank you.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you very much. I still have several requests for the floor. Could I remind again Delegations to be as brief as possible as we don't have much time.

I will give the floor to Canada.

>> CANADA: Thank you very much, Madam Co-chair. Let me take this opportunity to express my appreciation and that of my Delegation to the excellent work done by the two Co-chairs and the support that has been provided by the Secretariat.

Just briefly we certainly appreciated the opportunity to have what has been an interesting exchange over the course of the last two days. Delegation also have certainly been working

very hard. But I think as other colleagues have said, time is getting short. It is essential that we take what has in fact been more than just a two-day process but in fact has been a two-year preparatory process and start focusing on the areas where we actually need to have priority attention so that we are going to be well positioned for the meeting in March.

As such, here we would agree with the proposal that was put forward by Peru. We believe that there is a great sense in asking the Co-chairs with the support of the Secretariat to boldly propose language in a draft 2 in all areas where there are not substantive disagreements amongst Delegations following the conclusion of the proposed open-ended negotiation.

This makes eminent sense to us. We feel there should be a good deal of flexibility provided to the Co-chairs in whom we have full confidence and trust that they will find appropriate modalities for making this happen.

We need the Co-chairs to carry out this analytical and synthesis role so States can, as I suggested, focus our attention on where collective guidance remains lacking and where we really need to be giving clear attention in January.

So in addition to the version of the document that has been called for by some members, the compilation document as the Co-chair has already referred to, we would ask that the Co-chairs produce a facilitated draft following the conclusion of the December negotiation meeting so that in January we are able to proceed on the basis of a new draft, so that we can deal with areas where there are substantive disagreements.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you very much, Ambassador. I will give the floor to Indonesia, followed by Jamaica.

>> INDONESIA: Madam Chair, our we would like to commend the Co-chairs for their leadership throughout the meeting and for their guidance in this all inclusive and democratic probation. It is important that you set up a framework for DRR that should be a document addressing the issue of DRR from the technical and nontechnical aspect. Moreover, it is imperative to make sure that the future framework be a document that can be easily translated to a concrete activities on the ground for DRR.

It is also important to bear in mind that all activities connected to the current preparation of the Sendai conference should be based on adapted UNGA resolution. Therefore it is important to make sure that all Delegations follow the exact modalities, format, as well as timetables set out in that resolution.

Noting the progress that we have achieved so far it is clear that we need additional days to continue our discussion in

the open ended informal meeting. In this regard, we are of the view that the Co-chairs' proposals, which is to continue our discussion in December, starting from the paragraph that has not been discussed today, is the most feasible way forward. So as to guarantee that all paragraphs in the Zero Draft will be equally treated and considered. At this stage we should not take for granted the additional days that you propose for the open-ended informal meeting on December and January, and therefore we should utilize it properly.

We might be open for any additional suggestion at the end of our first reading exercise in December, including a possibility for having a new text proposed by the Co-chair based on your informal assessment on the first reading exercise. We trust the wisdom of the Co-chair in capturing the divergent views coming from Delegations and are ready to move forward from this point. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you very much. Before moving on I would like to confirm that I haven't heard any objections in this Plenary hall to the proposal that we would fulfill the first reading ie. when we meet again in December we would continue from paragraph 24 and would finalize the document ie. to finalize the first reading. All I have heard relates to after the first reading has been finalized.

I give the floor to Jamaica.

>> JAMAICA: Thank you, Madam Co-chair. And I join others in thanking you and your Co-chair for the patient and inclusive steering of our deliberations in this meeting.

My Delegation has taken note of the discussion on dates and we look forward to the outcome of further consultations on this.

We would want to join in comments on process. We note the observation of some members seeking to find a most efficient and expeditious while transparent and inclusive way forward. Missing from the call for help from you, Co-chairs, is a declaration of responsibility. Each of the brackets in the text is to be assumed to be a sincere submission of a Member State. Therefore, each proponent has a duty to be engaged in the search for convergence. We would therefore recommend that Delegations that have contributed to the insertion of new elements where these have met with opposition, should assist you and assist us by beginning immediately after the conclusion of this meeting to consult with each other so that they can contribute to a more effective engagement in December.

The Rules of Procedure suggest that we will be coming to conclusion on the Sendai outcomes by consensus. It is therefore clear that no proposal that stands alone is going to survive. In that context, the faster we get together with each other to

build critical mass around fundamental positions, the easier it will be for us to move forward. We remain agnostic as to how this is done, and would welcome your guidance and wisdom. But we cannot join in an indication of our collective -- abdication of our responsibilities. It is incumbent on all Delegations to think of how they will join you as proponents of these proposals to find pathways to convergence. I thank you.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: I thank you very much, Ambassador, for your constructive proposal. To my mind this could be easily accommodated to our way forward, and luckily of course we have the bureaus to help the Co-chairs to take us forward.

I will move on. I give the floor to Uruguay, followed by Bangladesh.

>> URUGUAY: Thank you very much, Co-chair. Uruguay would like to support the two items mentioned by the Delegate of Peru. In other words, taking into account the dates of the next conference on climate change to take place in Lima and also ask the Secretariat to help us in planning a consensus. We trust the work that will be carried out by the Co-chairs in this direction. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you very much on your comments. We will take, of course, note of all comments on dates. Though my proposal was that we would have further meetings in December and that the dates would be communicated to you as soon as possible. In particular, when we have had interaction also with the representatives of the regional groups in the bureau.

I move on. And I have next on the list Bangladesh followed by Pakistan.

>> BANGLADESH: Thank you, Madam Chair. Madam Chair my Delegation joins the other to thank you and the Secretariat for the tremendous work done in the last two days. We believe that substantial progress has been made in regard to the preparation of the Zero Draft. We are encouraged to see that your proposal for the meeting of the December which is said that it will start or begin from the document or text which we adopt right now. So we believe that will be the basis of our negotiation in December.

Now, going forward in January or the subsequent negotiations, we would like to join with the Ambassador of Jamaica in what he has said. We find tremendous benefit that the proponents of the ideas and suggestions and the brackets are actually need to be engaged so that we can find a common pathway leading up to Sendai.

In this process we would also welcome any suggestion by you, Co-chairs, because we have trust in you. We have our belief in you. During these negotiating processes, I believe we can come to a fruitful conclusion. I thank you, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: And I thank you. I give the floor to Pakistan.

>> PAKISTAN: Thank you, Madam Chair. I will try to be very brief. First of all, thank you, Co-chairs, for the tremendous work that you are doing. As was mentioned by Ambassador in the previous marks, draft one would be the basis for our further negotiations. What we have right now is half draft one. It is not the complete draft one.

So what we will have complete draft one when we will be completing until paragraph 40 in December. And after that we will be having this draft one as the basis of our negotiations, as we said in our earlier interventions. It is very natural and very obvious that to facilitate the negotiations we understand that there will be additional elements to be introduced by the Co-chairs. But we understand and we welcome it.

What we see is whatever has been done here in two days should be retained because it is what the Member States have been doing all along. We have been not doing negotiations per se. We will do it after draft one because what we have been doing right now is incorporating our suggestions, different ideas, and I think we should need to be more patient and move forward in this regard. I thank you, Chair.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: I thank you. Let me repeat again after the statements I have heard. The Preparatory Committee yesterday agreed what is the first draft. I have not heard that anyone wants to change the decision of yesterday. Rest assured, whatever has been included in the first draft will, of course, remain there.

As you agreed yesterday. So no one is proposing to change that.

I give the floor next to Australia, followed by Panama. Australia?

>> AUSTRALIA: Thank you, Madam Co-chair. I will be very brief. Let me first of all thank the Co-chairs for their excellent stewardship of this complicated meeting. Very briefly let me just associate myself with the Jamaican Ambassador's appeal, search for convergence. Seems to me there's a lot of convergence in this discussion. All of us support the role of the Co-chairs in taking this process forward. I think all the suggestions that have been made should be taken into account. The Co-chairs, I think, are in the driving seat. As our Swedish colleague said, the train left the session. With useful contributions from Peru and elsewhere, if the Co-chairs can find consensus language or language that attracts consensus, we are very supportive. But we want to avoid micromanaging the Co-chairs process. We trust your skills in navigating our way forward. I think it's an inclusive process as has been seen.

There are many proposals on the table. We should regard this debate as counsel for the Chairs and Co-chairs, but not an attempt to direct you specifically. I think you have that prerogative and discretion. We support that role you will be playing. We sense a strong feeling of consensus in the room as our friend from Jamaica said. We have a good way forward and I trust that the Co-chairs will take us forward judiciously. Thank you.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you and I give the floor to Panama followed by Barbados. Panama?

>> PANAMA: Thank you, Co-chair. I would like to join those who thanked you for the work that you've carried out as well as thank the Secretariat for their constant support.

We are all aware of the participation of the States. We have all worked tirelessly with the view to setting out a framework post-2015. This level of energy needs to continue. We agreed that the first reading of the document should be carried out right the way through. Panama also believes that the proposals of alternative paragraphs can be made, and this work could be facilitated by the Co-chairs in consultation with the States.

That having been sailed, we support both points pointed out by the Distinguished Delegate of Peru. As well as what was stated by the Distinguished Delegate of Sweden. Thank you.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you very much. Let me remind you again that we will have the interpreters depart in half an hour. And the Preparatory Committee needs to finalize its Agenda while the interpretation is there. We can't go to any informal session anymore. So I would plead again that can you be very, very brief and please reflect whether you need to take the floor or could we take the decision?

But I move on. Next on my list is Barbados followed by Ecuador.

>> BARBADOS: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. Let me first congratulate the co-chairs for their excellent work in coordinating these discussions and approaching matters in a comprehensive and inclusive manner. I wish to support the recommendations by Peru and Canada concerning finalizing those areas where there is already convergence. However, there is always a need for oversight in these matters so as to avoid repetition. I would also like to suggest that in this process between now and December that the Co-chairs also review the document for coherence so as to avoid repetition. I have observed some elements of repetition already in some of the paragraphs. I know that this is always a challenge when we are proceeding paragraph-by-paragraph. Therefore, I would like to suggest that Co-chairs take on this role so as to make the

document a coherent one and avoid repetition as appears in the document from time to time at the moment.

So that is my recommendation. I would like to close by congratulating all those who have contributed to making the document a very thorough one. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: And I thank you, Ambassador, for your comments. Could I remind again the Prep Com, this Agenda Item is to take decisions. It is not actually to have lengthy interaction on the modalities. I would remind that we did take some decisions yesterday which provide us a clear guidance on the way forward. We can take on board the guidance presented already here and the bureau can finalize the working modalities if you entrust the bureau to do that.

With those words I still have requests from Delegations to take the floor. I ask the Delegations to reflect whether they need to take the floor before we take the decision. I offer the floor as requested. I have Ecuador, followed by Colombia and Mexico. Ecuador?

>> ECUADOR: We support the proposal made by Peru to change the date in Prep Com one, throughout the document. We have expressed the desire to have consist tenth agendas for sustainable development, climate change and risk reduction. If we didn't support that proposal, we would not be being consistent with what we have done so far. I would like to take this opportunity to say that I agree with the proposal made by Mr. McCook. We need to be looking for convergence. Thank you.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you, Madam minister. This is the paragraph which I read didn't include the dates. Rather, that we would come back to with the dates as soon as possible. But I take note of your preference.

Colombia?

>> COLOMBIA: Thank you, Co-chair. We would like first of all to thank you for your efforts in handling with process. We have two comments. First, we support the proposal of Peru which is that the Co-chairs should guide in process so that we can work in the most efficient manner possible and have a concrete and concise document.

Secondly, a very special request on behalf of my country. We need to work on our budget, on our Committees for January and December. And we would very much appreciate it if by at the latest next week we could be informed of the dates for consultations in both December and January. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR PAIVI: The Bureaux will meet tomorrow and we will have interaction regarding the dates. I give the floor to Mexico.

>> MEXICO: Thank you, Co-chair. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both you and your Co-chair, Ambassador Thani, for all of the efforts made and your investment in this procedure. Thank you for your patience. We would also like to thank the Secretariat for all of the support provided over these days.

Lastly, we would like to join those who expressed support for the proposal made by Peru, Sweden, Jamaica, to name a few. And we feel that all previous speakers join us in giving you a vote of confidence. Thank you.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you very much. I still have Spain requesting for the floor. You have the floor.

>> SPAIN: Thank you, Co-chair. Very briefly, we too would like to thank the Co-chairs for their work and express our support to them. We would also like to underscore what others have said before us. We feel it is very important to look for consensus between Delegations, and that is why we support what was said previously by many Delegations, Peru, Canada, Mexico, Barbados, and most others with regard to the work that we've carried out over these last two days. And we look forward to having a document with many proposals.

As to the dates, we feel that they should be looked at. We fully understand the concerns expressed with by some of the Delegations. We believe that the discussion with representatives of the Bureaux should enable us to sort out this problem. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Now I will have cut down the discussion because we have to take the decision. I have one more request for the floor which I accept. And I give the floor to Cuba.

>> CUBA: Thank you, Co-chair. I will be very brief, I promise. Based on the speeches we heard, I wish to take the floor first of all to thank the Co-chairs for their work and thank the Secretariat for their support and for the active participation of all Delegations in this second prep come. However, we feel it is important to make our opinion very clear regarding the modalities. And on the basis of what has been heard so far, we recognize the role that has to be played by about the Co-chairs, the role of facilitation. Throughout the process, we made it very clear that this is an intergovernmental process where the States from beginning to end need to play a major role in negotiating and in decision making because we are the ones who have to interact with other players. But we have the fundamental responsibility regarding implementation of what has been agreed on.

The role played by co-Facilitators, as far as we are concerned, should come at the right point in time after the reading of the texts have been finalized. It will be mainly

when we can't find convergence amongst Delegations in our negotiating process.

We want to avoid any surprises. We don't want to suddenly have alternative texts to what we have been working on. We think we should proceed in the way we have so far with transparency and inclusiveness throughout the negotiating process and this should go right the way through to Sendai. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you for your comments. Let me again propose the simple decision that this Preparatory Committee should take on the way forward.

Already yesterday this Preparatory Committee agreed and decided on what is the first draft. And the outcome document of this prep come.

Secondly this Preparatory Committee already accepted the idea of compilation document which concerns the paragraphs that we have not yet finalized, the first reading of. Ie. paragraphs 24 to 40, which automatically means we will start from paragraph 24 in December when we meet again. If that is to be decided by this prep come, that there will be further meetings.

And thirdly, I would include to my reflection the ideas presented here today ie. that those Member States that have already presented to their proposals would have active interaction and exchange among themselves as proposed by the Ambassador of Jamaica and supported by many Delegations that would help take this process forward, should you be able to come with compromise proposals at later dates, it is certainly welcomed by the Co-chairs.

Fourthly, the Co-chairs are available on the basis of the first reading and to try to facilitate the process forward in the run-up to our January negotiations. Should we have finished the first reading already in December.

With those explanations, may I read the decision paragraph which is relatively simple again? And seek for your approval for this decision of the Preparatory Committee, ie. may I take that the Preparatory Committee agrees to continue to proceed with open ended negotiations on the draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction in December 2014, and in January 2015, as well as to hold further negotiations as required with a view to producing a second draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction?

Can I take that this Preparatory Committee could take this decision? I see no objections. It is so decided. Thank you very much.

Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen, I now invite the Committee to begin its consideration of Agenda Item 6 entitled consideration of the report of the Preparatory

Committee on its Second Session, for which you have before you document A/Conf.224/PC(II)/PC/2/4.

I give the floor to our distinguished Rapporteur, Mr. Andrey Nikiforov of the Russian Federation, to introduce the draft report.

You have the floor, sir.

>> ANDREY NIKIFOROV: Thank you. Co-chairs, Distinguished Delegate, Co-Chairs, Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates.

I have the honour to present to you the draft Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction on its second session. In this regard, the Committee has before it document A/CONF.224/PC(II)/L.4, which was circulated desk-to-desk this morning, November 18.

I now have the pleasure to provide a summary of the proceedings that will be reflected in the final report since the circulation of the draft report.

Under sub-section A "Opening", paragraph 2 will be updated to reflect the speakers during the opening, and shall read as follows:

"The second session of the Preparatory Committee for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction was opened at the United Nations Office at Geneva on 17 November 2014 by the co-Chair His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi, Thailand. Opening remarks were made by His Excellency Thani Thongphakdi Thailand, co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo, Finland, co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction and Mr. Michael Møller, Acting Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva."

Under sub-section C "Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the Preparatory Committee", paragraph 5, reference to Corrigendum 1 of document A/CONF.224/PC(II)/2 will be inserted.

For paragraph 6, reference to Addendum 1 of the document A/CONF.224/PC(II)/3 will be inserted.

Under sub-section D "Organization of the World Conference", paragraph 8 (a), reference to Revision 1 of document A/CONF.224/PC(II)/L.1 will be inserted.

Paragraph 8(b) will be completed by inserting the name of the nominated President of the Third World Conference, to read as follows:

"The nomination to the Third World Conference of Her Excellency Eriko Yamatani, Minister of State for Disaster Management of Japan, as its President" (A/CONF.224/PC(II)/L.2/Rev.1).

Paragraph 9 bis will be added to reflect the statement by the representative from Japan, as host country, to read as follows:

9 bis "His Excellency Kenichi Suganuma, Ambassador in Charge of the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction of Japan, made a statement as a representative of the host country, providing an update on preparations for the Third World Conference."

Under sub-section E. "Consideration on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction", a new paragraph will be added as 9 ter to reflect the presentation on the co-Chairs' Informal Working Group on Targets and Indicators, and will read as follows:

9 ter "His Excellency Wayne McCook, Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and Vice-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, reported on the work of the co-Chairs' Informal Working Group on Targets and Indicators."

Paragraph 11 will be completed to list the number of general statements heard in plenary under agenda item 5.

Paragraph 11 bis will be inserted to read "All general statements submitted under agenda item 5 in writing would be made available on the Conferences web page", followed by the link to the web page with the uploaded statements.

In addition, paragraph 11 ter will be inserted to reflect the statement delivered by Her Excellency.

Päivi Kairamo, Finland, co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, in which she elaborated on the timeline for the negotiations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction as contained in document A/CONF.224/PC(II)/INF.4.

In addition, paragraph 11 quart will be inserted to reflect the decision by the Preparatory Committee on the modalities for future negotiations on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction:

11 quart: "At its third meeting, the Preparatory Committee decided to continue to proceed with open-ended negotiations on the first draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction from 15-17 December 2014 and from 12-14 January 2015, as well as to hold further negotiations as required, with a view to producing a second draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction."

Under sub-section F, paragraph 12 refers to the Adoption of the report of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee, and will be updated to reflect today's meeting as the third plenary meeting of this session.

Under sub-section G "Other matters", paragraph 14., the document listed will be given the proper document symbol.

Under sub-section H "Conclusion of the session", paragraph 15, the names of the moderators for the first and second technical workshops will be inserted, namely, Her Excellency Maria del Pilar Cornejo de Grunauer, Minister and Head of the National Secretariat for Risk Management of Ecuador and Vice-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, for Workshop 1, and Mr. Toni Frisch, Switzerland, Vice-Chair of the Preparatory Committee, for Workshop 2.

Paragraph 16 will be updated to reflect the name of the Co-Chair Her Excellency Päivi Kairamo, Finland.

Paragraph 17, the document listed will be given the proper document symbol.

Paragraph 18 will be updated to reflect the concluding statements delivered at the end of this afternoon's third plenary meeting.

With this, Co-Chairs, I recommend the draft report to the Preparatory Committee for its consideration.

With that, I thank you.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: And I thank you, Mr. Nikiforov, for your statements.

Are there any comments on the Draft Report as presented by Mr. Nikiforov? May I take that the Preparatory Committee wishes to adopt the Draft Report as contained in document A/Conf.224/PC(II)/.4 and entrust the Rapporteur in cooperation with the Bureaux and the Secretariat with its finalization incorporated in today's proceedings with the view of the Third World Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction for its consideration and appropriate action?

Can I take it that there is no objection? I see no objection. It is so decided.

(Gavel.)

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: We have thus concluded our consideration of Agenda Item 6, the report of the Preparatory Committee on its secretary session.

I should now like to consult the Preparatory Committee on the holding of a Third Session. By its Resolution 68/211 of 20 December 2013, the General Assembly decided that the Preparatory Committee will hold a meeting at Sendai, which is to be decided by the Committee as necessary.

I understand that the holding of a Third Session of the Preparatory Committee on 13 March 2015 in Sendai, Japan, is desirable. The main task of the third session of the Prep Com will be to recommend to the conference the adoption of the proposed post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. May I therefore take it that the Preparatory Committee decides to hold its third session on 13 March 2015 in Sendai, Japan?

I hear no objection. It is so decided.

(Gavel.)

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you very much. We shall now hear from the moderators of the Informal Technical Workshops, which were held yesterday afternoon and today morning. I will first give the floor to Her Excellency Maria Del Pilar Cornejo, minister, head of the national Secretariat for risk management of Ecuador, who was the moderator of technical workshop one entitled indicators, monitoring, and review process for the post-2015 framework. Madam minister, the floor is yours.

>> MARIA DEL PILAR CORNEJO: I will read in English because it is easier. Summary notes. The technical workshop on indicators monitoring and review process for the post-2015 framework sought to provide an update on the proposed five plus two global targets and indicators and listed stakeholder considerations of modalities. Participants recommended analytical metrics, realistic baselines, disaggregated data by age, sex, people with disabilities and elderly to meet sustainable developing goals, environmental, accounting universal applicability of indicators as essential features of the proposed monitoring system. At the same time, there was a strong agreement to keep the proposed targets simple while capturing central information, particularly modality and mortality loss information. The far gets should be globally measurable. As well as locally. However, the changing nature and scale of disasters over time and space was challenged. Disaggregation of information among stakeholders at all levels was identified as a necessary condition to gather the required information. Signed science and evidence based knowledge. It was also suggested to increase the proportion of public private investments and more systematically asset risk losses factors. It was concluded to consider simple and designable targets that rely on objective data, easy to report on, and have positive action. It was reminded that the agreement on targets will be the result of negotiation process of the Member States.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you, Madam Minister. And the moderator of technical workshop 1 fore your report. And thank you for a very concise report. I now give the floor to His Excellency Toni Frisch, Switzerland, vice-president and the moderator of technical workshop two, the work indication of disaster risk in financial regulation. Mr. Frisch, the floor is yours.

>> TONI FRISCH: Thanks, Madam Chair. In order to save time I only read the suggestions to the preparatory process and Co-chairs. But I would firstly like to thank all the participants for their constructive spirit. The technical workshop recognised the proactive collaboration between

governance, regulator, science, business and financial institutions, fundamental, as the true nature of disaster, risk and its impact on sustainable developments and economic growth is to be revealed and effectively managed.

The technical workshop explored the creation of inform an working modality for collaboration between the different stakeholders, highlighted options for accountability of financial institutions to the post-2015 DRR framework, and emphasized that the reference to the role of financial regulation in the framework is important.

Thirdly, it was stated that disaster risk needs to be part of all financial transactions and decisions. Dedicated disaster risk management can essence are not enough. To this end, incorporate risk in two categories, into every transaction, every investment, bank loan, equity price and Stock Exchange, and into the accountings of every country and city. Fourthly, the technical workshop welcomes the proposal by the science community to partner with comments and the financial community to research, test, and scale up the understanding of how to crevice built of disaster risk in financial systems. Thanks, Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: Thank you very much, Ambassador Frisch, for your report as the moderator of technical workshop 2.

I would now give the floor to my Co-chair, Ambassador Thani, to provide you an overview of the dialogue that the Co-chairs had with the Major Groups to exchange view on the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction. Ambassador Thani, you have the floor.

>> CHAIR THANI: Thank you very much. The Chairs dialogue with Major Groups was con screened in two sessions, one yesterday and one this afternoon. The sessions were well attended by Major Groups and Member States. The consultative process has been enriched by this inclusive approach and we are grateful for the action-oriented proposals put forward. Each group clarified their role in implementation and we note the distinct shift from talking about vulnerable groups to talking about at risk groups and the leadership that each group brings.

The subject of promoting coherence among the international attendees include climate agreements, the SDGs and threw out a number of concrete suggestions. Major Groups active in all the post-2015 processes offered to support governments through explaining the interconnectedness of these agendas, particularly at the local level where the links between development choices and vulnerability are most evident.

We heard tangible voluntary commitments and are encouraged by them. We of course further post these commitments online.

Of course, we are willing to promote mechanisms to track progress in these as well. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: And I thank you, Ambassador Thani, for that overview. And also on behalf, I would like to thank the Major Groups for the interaction that the Co-chairs have had with them.

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen, the Preparatory Committee will now proceed to the closure of the Second Session. I now would like to give the floor to the Mr. Yukimoto Ito, Vice Mayor of Sendai City, to provide us with his statement. You have the floor.

>> YUKIMOTO ITO: Thank you, Co-chairs, Your Excellencies, Distinguished participants, ladies and gentlemen. I am pleased to be able to offer the opportunity to express my views. Sendai is a host city for the Third U.N. World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, located in the middle of northeast Japan, Sendai is known as the City of Trees. It is a regional center of business and governmental activities, in an environment of outstanding natural beauty.

It is important that we are hosting the conference in our city. When the Great East Japan Earthquake struck on March of 2011 due to the enormous tsunami that went across the coastal areas, 1.4 trillion yen was the cost of the damage. We have now entered the final phase of the reconstruction, rebuilding the lives of those affected and creating the disaster recovery city. At the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in March this year, we intend to share our experience and lessons we have learned and to tell the world about our recovery efforts. During the conference, all the public forums and events on disaster risk reduction related initiatives and achievements are open to the participants and the public. More than 300 groups and corporations from Japan have applied to conduct symposium and other sessions as public forum events. We have received over 200 applications for booths. These numbers far exceed those for the last WDRR in Togo.

As host city we will do our utmost to ensure that the events run smoothly. In addition, the Great East Japan Earthquake reconstruction pavilion will take place at the public forum. During the conference, there will also be more than 20 events that are free of charge which provide participants with firsthand view of recovery efforts. And while viewing the reduction and disaster risk reduction projects, there will also be excursions taking attendees to enjoy the cultural and social features of the local area.

In addition to providing support to the Third U.N. World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction as host city, the Sendai City government has made various proposals on utilizing

experienced lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake in the post-2015 framework through barriers, through a variety of initiatives, we aim to continue enhancing the global disaster risk reduction culture and helping to bring disaster risk reduction into the mainstream and we have high hopes for the new framework to be developed in our city, which may become known as the Sendai framework.

In March next year, Sendai still will be in the middle of the coldest season, but please rest assured we will give you a very warm welcome. I look forward to seeing you all again soon in Sendai. Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: I thank you, Vice Mayor of Sendai City, for your statement and for your welcome to your city.

Now I would like to give the floor to Ms. Margareta Wahlstrom, Special Representative of the Secretariat General for Disaster Risk Reduction to make a statement. Mrs. Wahlstrom, you have the floor.

>> MARGARETA WAHLSTROM: Thank you, Ambassador Kairamo. I think we will speak faster and faster now, won't we? I can hear you speeding up. Let me first thank you and the Co-chair Thani for the way you have conducted us through these two days. To help us to get much faster on to the road to Sendai.

Of course, all the members of the bureau of the preparatory process, and as well as all the 130 Delegations from Member States that have been here over these two days, together with 20IDOs, 22 U.N. entities and hundreds of civil society and major group representatives, as you have seen.

We have spent many hours and engaged with lots of passion with the aspiration of all of us reaching a practical instrument to understand the reduced disaster risk today and for the future.

I think in this concluding session you have also set the path for how we will get there.

Let me also thank the staff of the United Nations here in Geneva, the conference services, interpreters, the Department of General Assembly conference management, office of legal affairs, all the UNISDR staff and everybody else who has helped us to get through these couple of days.

Finally, I just would like to say to the deputy mayor of Sendai that in 114 days we will arrive to Sendai. And we look forward to meet you there. Thank you for welcoming us there.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: I thank the special representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction for her closing remarks. Please allow us, the Co-chairs, to offer a few

thoughts of our own as we conclude the Second Session of the intergovernmental Preparatory Committee.

Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen, we have covered a lot of ground during this Second Session, but indeed there is more work to be done. We have listened very carefully to the views of Member States on how to move forward efficiently and effectively on the draft post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction as captured in the timeline that we discussed today. I thank the Member States for their support of this timeline and indeed also for the kind words to the Co-chairs.

As time is of the essence, fortunately we have been able to focus and move forward significantly. We will meet again in open ended negotiations next month here in Geneva where I trust we will work through the text with the same determination as we have done during these past two days. I would like to offer the floor to my Co-chair to also provide his concluding remarks.

>> CHAIR THANI: Thank you very much. I just wish to thank all who have contributed to the success of the prep come. This of course includes all the experts who have come from capitals. It includes observers from NGOs and major groups who came in large numbers to take part in the preparatory process. I believe I speak for all of us in saying that their presence has been very helpful in moving us forward and we are grateful to you.

Let me echo my thanks to all the conference officers and the interpreters for working so hard over the past couple of days.

On behalf of my Co-chair and myself we look forward to seeing you next month to produce a text that meets all our expectations. Thank you.

(Applause.)

>> CHAIR KAIRAMO: I thank Ambassador Thani, Co-chair, for his statement.

Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen, the Second Session of the third U.N. World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction is now concluded. The meeting is adjourned.

(Gavel.)

(Applause.)

(The meeting concluded at 1808CET.)

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