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The Second Meeting of Safe School Leaders was hosted by the Government of I.R. Iran on 4-5 October 2015 in Tehran. The meeting benefited from the participation of 24 Governments at Ministerial and senior technical levels, and technical partners and experts engaged in safe schools. The meeting:

#### **RECOGNIZED**

The progress of the Worldwide Initiative on Safe Schools including:

- ✓ The adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 that recognizes critical infrastructure, including educational facilities, as a priority for support;
- ✓ The focus of the Sendai Framework to integrate school safety as part of national disaster risk reduction plans and strategies by 2020;
- ✓ The commitments made by Governments to the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools including at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction;
- ✓ The adoption of the Istanbul Roadmap for the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools at the First Meeting of Safe School Leaders (October 2014, Turkey) that provides a blue print for the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools implementation;
- ✓ The continued role of the Safe School Leaders in driving and shaping the initiative in order to implement safe schools across the globe; and
- ✓ Countries' extensive achievements and experience in advancing the objectives of the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools.

#### **APPRECIATED**

- ✓ The commitment made by the Government of the I.R. Iran to the Worldwide Initiative for Safe School in taking the lead in hosting the Second Meeting of Safe School Leaders (4-5 October 2015, Tehran, I.R. Iran)
- ✓ The peer review and field visits on school safety led by the Government of I.R. Iran that demonstrated significant achievements, technical expertise and innovative approaches in implementation.

- ✓ The good practices on school safety implementation that were presented and discussed by Governments at the Second Meeting of Safe School Leaders.
- ✓ Particular country cases severely affected by recent disaster situations as opportunities to support a comprehensive approach to school safety to ensure nation-wide safe school construction.
- ✓ The technical support developed by the Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector to support the implementation of safe schools.

**AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO ADVANCE THE WORLDWIDE INITIATIVE FOR SAFE SCHOOLS:**

1. To develop long-term national disaster risk reduction plans that integrate school safety by 2020, as per the Sendai Framework's call, with an appropriate budget allocation for its implementation.
2. To facilitate the exchange of technical expertise and experiences including through a network of technical experts and the establishment of Working Groups on key areas of the meeting outcomes, namely on technical, financial and legal / insurance aspects for multi-hazard school safety implementation at the national level by the end of 2015. A special meeting is proposed to discuss refugee children and students' needs for school safety together with relevant organizations in the course of 2016.
3. To develop a set of national indicators for school safety by the end of the first quarter of 2016 to inform the global indicators being developed by the open ended intergovernmental expert working group on indicators and terminology in relation to disaster risk reduction as well as the indicators on the related Sustainable Development Goals.
4. To support the implementation of the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools in at least four countries by the end of 2016 with the technical support from other Governments, experts from the Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector and others, and the engagement of the private sector, private foundations and charity organizations in supporting resilient educational facilities and in mobilizing appropriate resources.
5. To expand the membership of the Safe School Leaders group by at least 50 percent before the next meeting.
6. To request each Working Group and associated technical partners to submit a progress report once a year to the secretariat on their accomplishments in support of the Worldwide Initiative, for compilation by the secretariat into an annual report on the work of the Worldwide Initiative to be circulated to Safe School Leaders.

## 7. To request the secretariat to:

- ✓ Pursue the development of an implementation plan engaging the private sector, regional authorities, local governments, UN country teams, and other education initiatives for circulation to Safe School Leaders by the end of 2015, as a possible resource mobilization mechanism for school safety implementation.
- ✓ Identify opportunities for profiling and advancing the Worldwide Initiative on Safe Schools at upcoming regional and global platforms for disaster risk reduction and other relevant meetings.
- ✓ Support the development and dissemination of consolidated practical guidance and case studies on safe schools implementation by June 2016 in cooperation with the working groups and technical partners.
- ✓ Provide appropriate guidance and support to Host Governments with regard to the organization of Safe School Leaders meetings, including meetings of the Working Groups to inform and report on progress to a Ministerial meeting every 12-18 months.
- ✓ Coordinate action with Governments, the United Nations system and technical partners for an effective and concerted implementation of the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools in designated countries.

## WELCOMED

- The commitments made by Turkey, the I.R. Iran, Armenia and Kyrgyzstan to make all their schools safe respectively by 2018, 2020 (I.R. Iran and Armenia) and 2024.
- The offer made by I.R. Iran, Italy, México and Turkey to provide technical expertise on school safety implementation to other countries.
- The expression of interest from Nepal, Cambodia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Kyrgyzstan to receive targeted support and guidance in selected areas of comprehensive school safety.
- The offer made by the I.R. Iran to lead the Working Group on the technical aspects for the implementation of the Worldwide Initiative for Safe Schools.
- The assistance extended by the Global Alliance for Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience in the Education Sector to Governments to implement the proposed set of national indicators at country level to help them better measure their progress in school safety.

- The offer made by Nepal to host the next Ministerial Meeting of Safe School Leaders in 2016.
- The interest of Armenia, Ecuador, Georgia, Italy and Qatar to host future Safe School Leaders meetings and / or related Working Group meetings.

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