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My name is Haydee Rodríguez, President of the Union of Women's Cooperatives, "Las Brumas" in Jinotega, Nicaragua. I am here representing the Huairou Commission, GROOTS International and the Gender and Disasters Network.

Over the next two years, our networks will participate in evaluations of the recovery processes related to Mitch +10, the Tsunami +5 and Marmara +10 in Turkey to represent the perspectives and priorities of grassroots women and to transform reconstruction and recovery experiences into resilience.

In the 25 countries where we work on managing disaster risk, we are expanding our partnerships with local authorities to ensure that poor communities are leading the local implementation of the Hyogo Framework for Action.

At the regional and global levels, we plan to develop and expand the Community Disaster Resilience Fund (CDRF) beyond India and Central America to 10 more countries in order to secure the participation of communities in the Hyogo Framework.

All of the actions I have listed will ensure that local priorities are informing national policies.

Our networks will work with the ProVention Consortium, CEPREDENAC, the Union of Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and with the National Disaster Management Authority of India.

We envision that in two years, by 2011, the participation of grassroots women from vulnerable communities around the world in the implementation of the Hyogo Framework and the Global Platform and will be valued and expanded.

In order to achieve this we require the following from ISDR:

1. Clear partnership mechanisms
2. Basic principles on the representation of grassroots women
3. Support for the growth of the Community Disaster Resilience Fund (CDRF)

We hope that national governments and bilateral and multi-lateral donor agencies will collaborate with us in these efforts.