

## **Official Statement**

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Distinguished Chairman:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

First of all, please allow me, on behalf of the China's delegation to convey our sincere congratulation to the Third World Conference on Disaster Reduction, to the elected chairman and member of the committee of the conference, and meanwhile extend our sincere thanks to the organizing body as UN ISDR, Host Japan and city of Sendai as well as other organizations and people who made their contribution to the conference.

Since the world conference on disaster reduction in kobe in 2005, the international community has made great effort to implement HFA and achieved remarkable accomplishments, UN ISDR made its constructive effort and important contribution which is highly respected by the Chinese government.

China is one of the countries in the world most severely affected by nature disasters. Since last meeting, China has adopted the concept of comprehensive disaster reduction by linking disaster reduction with social-economic development, adapting to climate change and building disaster reduction into rural and urban development, placing people at the central consideration. We successfully responded to many large-scale nature disasters such as Wenchuan earthquake in 2008 and have seen the great effects of implementing such concept.

Firstly, we formulated and implemented national comprehensive disaster reduction planning, by which we realized the targets such as keeping the share of direct disaster losses under the 1.5% of total GDP annually, and disaster relief accessible for affected people within 12 hours after disaster as well as others.

Secondly, we established the disaster prevention and reduction system and legislation network. The disaster reduction committee has been built at the central and provincial level with more than 30 laws and regulations in the relevance of disaster reduction enacted and implemented. The sound working mechanism of disaster prevention and reduction have been set up.

Thirdly, nature disaster monitoring, early-warning system further improved in terms of metrological, hydrological, earthquake, geological, ocean, forest fire and pests and disease issues.

Fourthly, we enhanced the construction of disaster reduction infrastructures with improvement of structural projects against nature disaster.

Fifthly, disaster education and advocacy system has been formed. National Disaster Prevention and Reduction Day has been introduced with various advocacy and education campaigns conducted. Across the country 6723 communities have been granted the accreditation as The National Comprehensive Disaster Reduction Exemplary Community with the overall awareness of people about disaster reduction raised.

Sixthly, we have launched the international disaster reduction cooperation with relevant state governments, UN agencies and international and regional organizations.

For the next, the Chinese government will further increase the comprehensive disaster prevention and reduction capacity according to Post -2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and make its contribution to world disaster reduction by the following: 1) continue to implement comprehensive disaster reduction strategy and include the disaster risk reduction and adaptation of climate change into national and local sustainable development process; 2) formulate and implement “thirteenth-five-year planning for comprehensive disaster prevention and reduction” based on china’s national conditions and disaster risks; 3) give full play of experts and scholars to strengthen the scientific approaches in disaster prevention and reduction; 4) enhance the structural construction against nature disasters to further uplift the prevention level and increase people’s awareness about disaster prevention and reduction.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In our disaster reduction work, we received wide support and assistance from international communities, here I would like to extend our sincere thanks to you. In the future, we hope to further push forward the international cooperation with relevant countries, international and regional organizations in the field of disaster prevention and reduction. Firstly strengthen the international and regional information exchange and sharing; secondly improve the international coordination mechanism in case of responding to large-scale nature disasters; thirdly promote the key technology research cooperation of disaster reduction to make more contribution to world and country’s healthy social-economic development and build safer, more harmonious society.

Thank you for attention!