



STATEMENT OF THE ECOWAS **COMMISSION**

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The co-chair, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen. Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS) supports the African Group Statement and acknowledges the enormous efforts being provided by its partners, especially the UNISDR and the entire UN system, including other International and Regional Organizations in promoting Disaster Risk Reduction and Development issues in West Africa region.

As the 2015 deadline for the Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) draws nearer, the ECOWAS Commission wish to reiterate its strong commitment in supporting the various initiatives and outcomes of the Draft Declaration and the Zero-Draft of the Post – 2015 DRR Framework.

As a regional inter-governmental organization, the ECOWAS Commission will continue in its effort to fulfill its role as a key part of the International Disaster Risk Reduction and Management system by maximizing the full usage of existing frameworks, policies and mechanisms at the global, continental and regional levels.

As we look ahead to Post – 2015 DRR Framework, the ECOWAS Commission will continue to work with partners and support Member States in the course of implementing the Africa position and agenda of the Post – 2015 DRR Framework especially in terms of Capacity Building, Resources Mobilisation, Use of Knowledge, Technology Transfer, and Mainstreaming of DRR into various policies and sectors including Gender, involvement of Private Sector and Climate Change Adaptation.

To ensure the success of the implementation, there is need to establish and support within this Framework of the HFA2, sub-regional mechanism for better coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the process.

On behalf of the President of the ECOWAS Commission, His Excellency Kadré Désiré Ouédraogo, I thank you for your kind attention.