



Mr. President

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Al Salam Alikom wa rahmat Allah Wa Barakatoh

With great pride we find ourselves in the third disaster risk reduction conference on the land of friendly Empire of Japan.

On behalf of myself and all employees at the Ministry of Interior, Qatar, let me express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Empire of Japan for the warm reception and hospitality.

I also extend my sincere thanks to the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction on his efforts on convening of this conference, which allows for all us to communicate, cooperate and coordinate our efforts in the matter of disaster risk reduction .

This meeting comes at a time when the world is witnessing an increase in the risk of natural disasters and an increase of loss of lives and properties.



In accordance with to the global assessment of disaster risk reduction the economic losses caused by natural disasters is very large, therefore the disaster reduction is not only important for the humanitarian or environmental field, it is also important for the operations of sustainable social and economic development.

To achieve a significant reduction in disaster losses, in lives and ways of living , where social, economic and environmental assets of communities and countries must be enhanced compatibility between the international tracks beyond 2015, as well as a commitment to advance planning and preparedness as an essential elements in the resilience and disaster risk reduction capacity building and results in different communities and countries.

Accordingly, we believe it is essential that disaster risk management are consistent with climate change, and an integral part of the process of sustainable development to meet the current challenges and seize potential opportunities, and that the policies and procedures go beyond the idea of reducing the current risks to prevent the accumulation of new risks and build the capacity of countries and communities to cope with disasters.



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Many years has passed since the international agreements on reducing disaster risk and we are still suffering from heavy losses in lives and money and property, and from this point of view, it is essential that the new framework includes appropriate means of implementation and adequate follow-up to the development of capacity.

As a part of the efforts for the State of Qatar to strengthen for emergencies and disasters to ensure the safety of life and property to control the disaster and end it at the lowest possible losses with the required speed and efficiency the Permanent Emergency Committee where established in 1998 , which specializes in the preparation of studies and the development of plans and procedures to deal with disasters and consist in membership many of the stakeholders, governmental and non-governmental state And works through close coordination in order to counter the effects and consequences of disasters.



In addition, The state of Qatar has worked to integrate disaster reduction policies and plans for sustainable development risk, and strengthening the role of civil defense system in disasters, as well as the strengthening of the role of volunteerism and raise awareness about disaster risk reduction culture.

We also would like to point out that has established a regional observatory under the General Authority of Civil Aviation Administration in terms of monitoring earthquakes and various other emergencies and natural disasters.

Based on the firm belief that social and economic development is a global responsibility, and the translation of the objectives of international cooperation mentioned in the national vision of the State of Qatar for 2030, we are committed to the application of disaster reduction beyond 2015 risk framework, confirming to you our commitment to advance the goals and achieve them with a view to protect our citizens and preserve our resources as required to public interest to our continued giving consistent and clear successive and rapid developments.



Finally , I would like to express my thanks again to you for the efforts to prepare for the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction , and we emphasize that we will implement the decisions and recommendations of this conference to get our society to be able to cope with disasters.