

IFRC REMARKS TO THE DRAFT CHAIR'S SUMMARY

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Thank you Madam Chair,

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We, Red Cross Red Crescent National Societies, welcome the draft Chair's Summary and complement the UNISDR for having captured the rich discussions that have taken place during the course of this week.

We would like to emphasise the following four points in support of the outcomes of the Global Platform.

One, the adaptive capacity of the people MOST VULNERABLE to disaster risks and climate change needs increased investment NOW.

Two, new financing and investment instruments to scale up ex ante local action, are needed for the most vulnerable communities.

Three, disaster risk reduction should continue to include BOTH humanitarian and development actions, which meet minimum community safety and resilience standards.

Four, domestic legislation for disaster risk reduction must be strengthened in order to create an enabling environment for increased local level actions.

Finally,

I would like to thank UNISDR for an excellent Third Session of the Global Platform, and on behalf of the Red Cross Red Crescent Societies, commit to increasing support to high-risk communities and providing leadership in local action, together with local government and other key partners.

Statements of intent alone will not give us lasting credibility with people who need our support.

We are fully committed to play our part in risk reduction, but we must also hold each other accountable for acting upon the commitments we have made this week.