Forty-ninth session
Agenda item 37 (c)

STRENGTHENING OF THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AND
DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS,
INCLUDING SPECIAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: INTERNATIONAL
DECADE FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 44/236 of 22 December 1989, the General Assembly
proclaimed the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction and decided, inter alia, that in 1994 the Economic and Social Council was to carry out a
mid-term review of the implementation of the International Framework of Action
for the Decade and report its findings to the Assembly at its forty-ninth
session.

2. Subsequently, in its resolution 48/188 of 21 December 1993, the Assembly, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to submit to it at its forty-ninth
session a report on progress made in the implementation of that resolution.

3. The World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction was held at Yokohama,
Japan, from 23 to 27 May 1994 pursuant to Assembly resolution 48/188. A report
of the Secretary-General of the Conference on the implementation of activities
of the Decade (A/CONF.172/4 and Add.1-4) was submitted to the Conference for its
consideration.

4. That report will be made available to the Assembly for its consideration at
the current session in pursuance of its resolution 48/188.

5. The attention of the Assembly is also drawn to Economic and Social Council
resolution 1994/31 of 27 July 1994, entitled "International Decade for Natural
Disaster Reduction", in which the Council recommends to the Assembly the
adoption of a draft resolution on the subject.

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