

STATEMENT  
BY THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION  
AT THE WORLD CONFERENCE  
ON DISASTER REDUCTION

Kobe, Japan, 19 January 2005

Mr President,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

Allow me, before I make my general statement, to express, on behalf of the Indonesian delegation, our most sincere gratitude to all the countries, to the national, regional and international organizations and NGOs, as well as to the individual donors who have demonstrated their deepest sympathy and solidarity through countless contributions to assist the Indonesian victims of the recent unprecedented earthquake and tsunami. We should also like to convey our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation in particular to the Government and people of Japan for all their support and generous efforts to help Indonesia in the wake of the disaster.

May I now join the other speakers in congratulating you, Mr President, on your appointment to chair this important and momentous World Conference on Disaster Reduction. I am confident that your able leadership and guidance will ensure that this gathering achieves fruitful and concrete results.

We applaud the Government of Japan for hosting the Conference at this historic city of Kobe which coincides with the commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake occurred on 17 January 1995. It is thus our fervent hope that, through this august Conference, delegates will reaffirm their commitment to prevent such tragedies occurring in the future and to draw and act on every lesson.

