

Italy

## World Conference on Disaster Reduction

Mr. Chairman,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates

Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, the Italian Delegation wishes to extend its deepest sympathies and condolences to the victims of the recent Tsunami disaster and their families. Italy expresses its heartfelt solidarity to the people and the Governments of those countries which tragically suffered a huge loss of lives, serious injuries and extensive material damages.

The Italian Delegation wishes to also thank both the Government of Japan for the excellent organization of the Conference and the ISDR Secretariat for the accuracy in preparing this international Conference. This global gathering represents, especially in these days, marked by the dramatic events which occurred in South East Asia, an important opportunity to remind us of the relevance of disaster risk reduction activity and of the implementation of early warning systems in order to save human lives. In this regard we welcome all proposals for establishing Tsunami warning system in the Indian Ocean as well in other regions such as the Caribbean and Mediterranean Sea to be

