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In the Special Session on the Indian Ocean Disaster:
Risk Reduction for a Safer Future
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Mr. Chair,

Dear colleagues,

More than 20 days has passed since the occurrence of the Indian Ocean
Tsunami disaster and the international society has been demonstrating an
unprecedented solidarity in providing emergency relief to the affected countries and
people. Today, in the same spirit of solidarity, we are convening this special session
and reflecting upon lessons learned from this disaster with a view to pursuing a
“safer future”. China appreciates very much the timely arrangement of this Special
Session.

The Indian Ocean tsunami disaster speaks in a shocking way for the
importance of the early warning system. Nowadays, many countries, especially the
developing ones, are still ill-equipped in this regard. To remedy this deficiency,
China submitted to the Conference an initiative on the “Establishment of Regional
Mechanisms on Surveillance, Prevention and Assessment of Severe Natural
Disasters”. We sincerely thank those countries who strongly support the initiative.
We also welcome valuable initiatives presented by other delegations and are pleased
to see that, based on all these initiatives and the general views expressed by all
Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Working together with other countries to pursue our common "safety future" participating international and regional cooperation on disaster reduction and we will...

In conclusion, let me reiterate the firm commitment of China in promoting and...

...to the existing regional cooperation mechanisms. Disaster reduction and a series of workshops on early warning so as to give full play with the countries in the region. We are also willing to host an Asian Conference on early warning network and ready to share relevant data and products of the satellite countries, in particular, to establish an earthquake monitoring and luminous on 6 January 2005, the government of China is willing to help the neighboring leaders' meeting on the aftermath of the earthquake and tsunami held in Jakarta as solemnly shed by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao at the Special ASEAN.

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China supports the Common Statement declaration, this Special Session will deliver a consolidated Common Statement...