

**National statement of the Republic of Tajikistan on the Asian
Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR),
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

Dear members of the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction! Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the Republic of Tajikistan's delegation allow me to greet you in this important forum, devoted to resolving global and regional challenges in disaster risk reduction (DRR). In addition, I would like to thank the Government of India for their invitation and hospitality.

I am honored to address the Conference where participation of important representatives and experts from the Asian countries underlines the significance of this event and guarantees achievement of effective results.

In recent years, it became clear that DRR issue has become an integral part of key economic sectors.

As we know, achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), articulated by UN and endorsed by the Heads of States on 8 September 2000, is closely linked with DRR issues and our countries should definitely take this into account to ensure sustainable development.

I would like to note that implementation of global development programmes should be carried out while considering the vital strategic importance of governments for ensuring sustainability.

In this context, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, adopted at the Third UN World Conference on DRR in Sendai, Japan, had given a new impetus to this cause and became an effective step of international community to formulate existing disaster risk reduction problems, consolidate possible solutions and develop clear recommendations for participating Member States countries for the period until 2030.

The Republic of Tajikistan and its Government as a Member State country, within the framework of its National Platform on DRR, which includes all key ministries and agencies as well as representatives of international organizations and donors as observers, carries out comprehensive measures for implementation of Sendai Framework recommendations.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

The Republic of Tajikistan recognizes the impossibility for ensuring sustainable development without taking into account recommendations of Sendai Framework, and particularly integration of “build back better” approach in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.

I can confidently state that the Republic of Tajikistan, in its approach to reduce disaster risks, takes into account all major activities

related to the Four Priorities for Actions of the Sendai Framework and will implement them in accordance with the relevant capacities and potential that will contribute to the achievement of Seven Global Targets.

Since the UN World Conference in Sendai, in accordance with the instructions of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and within the framework of National Platform on DRR following things have been done:

- three meetings were held on the implementation of recommendations set in the Sendai Framework; and National Coordinator for its implementation in Tajikistan is designated;

- National ministerial working group on development of «National Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction for the period of 2017-2030» was established which includes active participation by representatives of international organizations;

- also, with the aim of step by step planning and for the effectiveness of the new Strategy it was decided to develop an action plan on the implementation of short-term period goals, such as subprogram.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen!

As is widely known, due to geographical factors the entire Central Asian region, including Tajikistan, experiencing a wide range of natural and man-made disasters that have recently caused significant economic damage and resulted in loss of lives.

For example, during the period from 1997 to 2016, Tajikistan experience more than 3,000 natural disasters, which caused economic damage totaling to more than 500 million US Dollars. Unfortunately, natural disasters also claimed 1,131 lives.

In the face of increasing interdependence in a globalizing world, while discussing and adopting today's Asian Framework on implementation of «Sendai Framework» and «New Delhi Declaration» we reaffirm our commitment in this area and, above all, acknowledge that there is a need for concerted international assistance and support to enhance the professional skills and capacity that are needed for disaster risk reduction.

Ladies and Gentlemen!

It is important to note that one of the important events in the framework of regional cooperation was the First Central Asia and South Caucasus Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction which took place on 12 July 2016 in Dushanbe.

At that meeting there was an adoption of «Dushanbe Declaration» which is an important result of our work together which is presented here at the Asian Ministerial Conference and will also be presented next year at the Fifth Global Platform in Mexico.

In light of this, in the coming years within Sendai Framework and new National strategy our country plans to:

- improve the Unified State System on preparedness and response, through development of a mechanism to expand the authority of its coordinating body;

- reform and strengthen management bodies who have been authorized to perform emergency management tasks, in particular, strengthening the crisis management centers;

- develop and strengthen the material and technical base of search and rescue units, as well as training centers for training and retraining of rescuers;

- create a center for psychological assistance and canine unit (dog service).

For the implementation of mentioned goals and objectives, I would like to ask for support to the Republic of Tajikistan.

I would like to wish everyone fruitful cooperation and success in our work. Thanks for your attention !!!