**Official Statement by Head of Delegation of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea**

President.

Distinguished delegates and guests.

At the outset, I would like to express my high appreciation to the Government of Swiss Confederation and UNDRR in their efforts for successful opening of the 6th session of the Global |Platform for DRR.

I, also, would like to take this opportunity to express gratitude to the preparatory committee or its provision of all conveniences to DPRK delegation.

Your Excellency, President.

The DPRK Government has been constant with DRR to support the sustainable development of socio-economy of the country for the last two years since the 5th Session of Global Platform for DRR held in Cancun, Mexico in May, 2017 in conformity with international commitments including Sendai Framework.

Under the people-first policy of Comrade **Kim Jong Un,** Chairman of the state Affairs Commission of the DPRK, the Government has been pushing forward DRR throughout the country with all people involved by taking the DRR as one of the importance in ensuring the benefit of the State and improvement of well-being of the people and thus achieved a progress during the course.

The DPRK Government has taken practical measures to switch over from disaster management to disaster risk management by revising ”The Law of DPRK on Disaster Prevention, Relief and Recovery” in June, 2017 in order to implement the 7 Global Targets and 4 Priorities reflected in Sendai Framework in accordance with our national context and practices.

The DPRK Government developed the “National Strategy for DRR” in March this year, and as for the initial step for the implementation of the strategy, the government is now on its way with active measures to enable all local authorities to develop the DRR plans by 2020 in line with the 5th Target of SFDRR.

Your Excellency, President.

Comrade **Kim Jong Un,** Chairman of the state Affairs Commission of the DPRK put forward a main task in his policy speech at the First Session of 14th Supreme People’s Assembly of DPRK to concentrate all national resources on economic construction to solidify material foundation of socialism.

The DPRK Government defined it as an immediate and urgent task, and is pushing forward it in a planned way to take practical measures for constant operation of Non-Standing Anti-Calamity Measures Committees at all levels including farms so as to further strengthen the institutional capacities at grass-root level, and to attain an innovative DRR through an establishment of nation-wide integrated disaster management system.

The DPRK Government, also, strengthened the material and technical foundation for DRR by gradually increasing the national investment, and is taking practical measures for disaster risk sensitive sustainable development of socio-economy by driving reforestation campaign in every spring and summer under the detailed plan for afforestation and reforestation, and introducing advanced approaches on river management and afforestation for erosion control.

The DRR has interactive and close relationship with sustainable development f socio-economy, and therefore, requires protracted and persistent effort and cooperation.

Availing myself of this opportunity, I would like to extend my gratitude to international organizations including UNDRR and the UNDP for their contributions to DRR in DPRK in its effort for implementing the Sendai Framework.

Your Excellency, President.

Under the current situation when the socio-economic relations between the countries are being closer and closer, and the consequences of damages by natural disasters in certain country are being extended to other countries, we can only achieve a progress without fail in DRR through international and regional cooperation.

Therefore, we should not allow any acts in pursuit of dishonest political and selfish purposes in the international cooperation for DRR and strengthen the international and regional cooperation with the principle of mutual respect, equal and mutual benefit.

The DPRK Government will continue to do its best to implement the international commitments including the Sendai Framework on the basis of characteristics and mission of the people-centered socialism, and to this end, will closely collaborate with the governments, international organizations and institutions sin the world.

Thanks.