

Official Statement

Dear Chairman, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

First, please allow me, in the name of the Chinese delegation, to extend my congratulations on the successful opening of this forum. I would also like to thank the organizer UNDRR, the host Switzerland Government, and organizations and individuals that have offered support to this event.

China is one of the most disaster prone countries in the world. The Chinese government has all along attached great importance to disaster reduction and vigorously implemented the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. There are three manifestations. First, we have been advancing the reform of disaster prevention, reduction and relief systems. What is particularly worth mentioning is that we have established the Ministry of Emergency Management, which has made clear the relationship between disaster prevention and relief. We have been improving the disaster management system that prioritizes prevention, combines prevention, reduction and relief, as well as relevant policies and measures.

Second, we have formulated and implemented the five-year disaster reduction plans both at national and local levels in an attempt to improve the all-round prevention capacity of the society in case of disasters through the strengthening of disaster reduction infrastructure, the application of science and technology, publicity and training.

Third, we started the survey on disaster risks, the identification and treatment of major hidden hazards and other campaigns at the beginning of 2019, aiming to address major shortcomings and weak points in disaster prevention and control within three years.

Fourth, we strive to respond to various extraordinarily serious natural disasters in a scientific and effective manner and vigorously support post-disaster reconstruction.

In the meantime, we have been deepening international cooperation in disaster reduction, particularly the cooperation with neighboring and the “Belt and Road” countries in international emergency assistance and international disaster reduction projects. We are currently exploring to establish the Belt and Road International Cooperation Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Management and look forward to your support and participation.

Despite the achievements, we are fully aware of the fact that natural disasters are prone to happen frequently in China remains unchanged, that our capacity in disaster prevention is still relatively weak. The Chinese government will pursue the people-centered development approach and follow the instructions by President Xi Jinping on disaster prevention, reduction and relief, and take more stringent and effective measures to improve the all-round capacity in disaster reduction, so as to safeguard people’s lives and properties.

Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen,

In disaster reduction endeavors, the Chinese government has been supported and assisted extensively by the

international community, which we highly appreciate. China stands ready to deepen cooperation with all parties. Let's learn from each other and work together to build the community of shared future for mankind. Let's embrace a world with more resilience, sustainability, openness and inclusiveness!

Thank you!

Roundtable

Dear Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, good afternoon,

According to the agenda, I will now give an introduction to China's experience in disaster risk reduction based on our own practices.

The Chinese government places high importance on disaster reduction and has continuously strengthened disaster risk management and comprehensive disaster reduction. We uphold the principle of prioritizing prevention, combining prevention, reduction and relief, and pursuing the complementarity between regular relief and the relief in abnormal circumstances. We endeavor to make three paradigm shifts, namely from disaster relief to prevention, from responding to single disaster to comprehensive disaster reduction, and from reduction of disaster losses to that of risks. We have made plans and policies, implemented key projects and enhanced publicity and training, which has all contributed to effective disaster risk reduction.

We pay special attention to risk-informed policy making, taking risk assessment as a prerequisite for policy making and

implementation. We continuously implement the five-year plan on disaster reduction and incorporate disaster reduction into the overall planning on economic and social development, as an important element of building national public security system.

We place our focus on the comprehensive mitigation of disaster risks and are carrying out the survey on disaster risks and the identification and control of major hazards. The comprehensive survey and scientific assessment will enable us to have a full picture of the risks and hazards, so that we can adopt various approaches such as on-line monitoring, alerts, targeted group monitoring and prevention, engineering method to prevent disaster risks in a tiered and categorized fashion.

We attach great importance to the complementarity between regular publicity and education on disaster reduction and key publicity activities such as the “National Day for Disaster Prevention and Reduction”, “International Day for Disaster Reduction”. We conduct emergency skills trainings and emergency evacuation drills for citizens, so as to improve their risk prevention awareness, and the capacity in self-rescue and mutual aid.

Guided by the people-centered development concept and the instructions on disaster prevention, reduction and relief by President Xi Jinping, the Chinese government is now taking positive measures to improve the capacity in natural disaster prevention. At the same time, we have been deepening international cooperation in disaster reduction by going global to learn and bringing good experience to China. We

believe that we will be able to improve risk prevention capacity to better safeguard people's lives and properties.

As is known to all, disaster risk reduction is closely related to climate change and sustainable development goals. As a responsible developing country, China will guide the development of a fair global climate governance system featured by cooperation for win-win outcomes through practical actions, and endeavor to build a community of shared future for mankind. China has incorporated the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development into the National Five-Year Plan and has been vigorously moving toward the goal of eradicating poverty as scheduled. I believe that China's efforts will make fair contributions to the realization of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

Thank you!