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**Excellencies,**

**Distinguished delegates,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

1. Malaysia wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) for convening the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction as well as the Government of Mexico for hosting this event. GPDRR which now entering its 5th forum, this year marks as a first forum after the advent of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) and also first time been staged outside Geneva.
2. Two (2) years after the adoption of SFDRR in March 2015, Malaysia has taken a significant progress in disaster risk management by the establishment of National Disaster Management Agency (NADMA Malaysia) under the Prime Minister’s Department. This new focal point for disaster management came into operation on 1st October 2015, served a better management and response to disaster based on current demand and challenges. Through NADMA, the government envisions a more resilient nation and society through a sustainable disaster risk management mechanism.
3. In such, Malaysia will continue to mainstreaming the disaster risk reduction agenda into the planning and development process through its National Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction and Action Plan or MyDRR. It has yielded outstanding results in terms of marshalling science and technology for disaster risk management in Malaysia. Thus, is absolutely imperative that Malaysia recognize the science & technology (S&T) as an impetus towards providing appropriate information and knowledge to make informed decisions and take effective action. In this regard, Malaysia has institutionalized the Scientific Expert Panel for Disaster Risk Reduction, comprises of key public and private science institutions in the country as the advisory component to NADMA. Besides providing timely and evidence-based inputs, this committee will address the challenge in bridging science into action which is in line with the aspirations of the Sendai Framework for DRR.
4. Malaysia is also determined and committed in its efforts in adopting the indicators and terminology related to disaster risk reduction. Malaysia has successfully conducted two (2) series of workshop in June 2016 and March 2017 with relevant stakeholders involved in disaster risk management. Besides providing information about the updates of SFDRR, these workshops aimed to identify the relevant terminology and indicators related to the country as well as mapping DRR-related data availability. Malaysia believe that with these positive developments, we are in-line with the Global Targets and Indicators to reduce disaster losses by 2030.
5. As we move forward from managing disasters to managing risks, Malaysia is currently in the process of preparing the National Risk Register in order to establish a direction for managing its risks. The intention of the process which will be conducted in 2018 is to produce a whole-of-natural hazards risk picture to support the country’s disaster risk management including early warning systems and emergency management planning. By identifying and assessing the risks status, it becomes a tool to mitigate the risk and this could be effective in reducing the vulnerability of people, property, the environment and the economy.
6. To reaffirm our commitment towards the implementation of SFDRR, Malaysia wishes to highlight that we will continue our efforts in reducing the existing risks and preventing development of new risks as well as strengthening resilience to disasters. Malaysia would like to express its gratitude to be part of this important forum and hopefully the deliberations here will be on success and would yield tangible and concrete plans that can be implemented for the benefit of all members.

Thank you.