

Statement by DPRK Delegation at AMCDRR

Mr. President,

Distinguished guests,

Allow me, at the outset, to express my appreciation on behalf of the government of DPR Korea to the government of Mongolia and UNISDR for all efforts devoted to the organization and successful opening of AMCDRR.

I also express my deep thanks to the preparatory committee for its kind invitation and providing all convenience to the DPRK delegation.

Mr. President

DRR activities in the DPR Korea have been steadily conducted as a nation-wide engagement for the last 3 years since the adoption of Sendai framework for DRR.

The DPRK localized the Asia Regional Plan for implementation of 4 priorities and 7 targets in Sendai framework. Through its implementation, the national DRR mechanism has been established and is under regular operation in different sectors and regions for different hazard types and timeframe.

The two floods that hit the northern part of the country in 2015 and 2016 served as a clear proof which demonstrated DPRK's disaster response capabilities.

By virtue of respect-the people, love-the people politics of **Kim Jong Un**, Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPR Korea, the government mobilized and concentrated all potentials – human resources, material, and technical – of the country to respond to the needs of emergency situation. This helped to restore the life of the affected population to normal in a short period of time and build essential infrastructures and housing stronger and better.

Availing myself of this opportunity, the DPRK delegation extends heartfelt thanks to the governments, institutions and international organizations for their moral and material support to our efforts for damage recovery in the northern part of the country.

At the same time, we extend deep thanks to various international organizations including UNISDR and UNDP for their support to the DPRK in its DRR work for implementation of Sendai framework.

Mr. President,

For the last 3 years, the DPRK government has taken and implemented several practical measures to further the progress in its DRR work in conformity with the international agreements including Sendai framework and 2030-Agenda for sustainable development, achieving substantial successes.

The DPRK Government has systematically increased the national investment in DRR work. In 2017 it amended and supplemented the “Law of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea on the Disaster Prevention, Relief and Recovery” which came into effect in 2014, to further reinforce the legal frame of DRR work. It has also disseminated the guideline for developing the DRR work plan at the community level and preparing at the final stage the national strategy, sectoral/regional long-term/mid-term action plans and short-term plan at community level for multi-purpose EWS and disaster risk reduction, To improve the institutional capacity building on DRR, specialized departments were established in all sectors and regions, focal points were designated at the lowest level including organs and enterprises and the work for improving technical capacity of DRR experts is undertaken in a planned manner.

Progress is made in establishing the national system of basin flood administration that enables unified guidance to the flood administration of major reservoirs, rivers and streams, and regular inter-provincial system of disaster-related information sharing and disaster database. We have also achieved many successes in publishing and disseminating communication materials for increased social awareness on DRR and putting all processes of preparedness and response for different hazard types on the basis of science and technology and advanced methodology.

Comrade Kim Jong Un, Chairman of the State Affairs Commission of the DPR Korea, put forward a new strategic line of concentrating all efforts on socialist economic construction in the 3rd plenary meeting of the seventh Central Committee of the WPK held in April this year.

We are now at the third year of implementing the 5-year strategy for national economic development. The DPRK Government, on the basis of the legal administrative, financial and material guarantees for DRM activities, developed a detailed plan for afforestation and reforestation and is making strong headway through the nationwide campaign. Besides, we are introducing modern approaches on ecosystem protection, rivers and streams administration, crop diversification, variety selection, water-saving farming, system of rice intensification, and etc to develop DRR activity into environmental protection in keeping with the climate change.

We should not allow any acts in pursuit of dishonest political and selfish purposes such as the strong and the weak, sanctions and isolation in the international collaborative relationship for DRR. We should continue to pay attention to the issue of creating a more favorable climate and condition for global cooperation conducive to DRR.

The DPRK Government is committed to the implementation of the Sendai framework and 2030 Agenda for sustainable development on the basis of characteristics and mission of the people-centered socialism of our own style in coming years, too. We are committed to further collaborate with all governments, institutions and international organizations to this end.

Thank you.