

**The National Statement of the Republic of Tajikistan on the Second Asian
Ministerial Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction,
3-6 July 2018,
Ulaanbaator, Mongolia**

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Dear participants of the conference!

Ladies and Gentlemen!

It is an honour and privilege for me to welcome you to this important international event, on behalf of the delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan, I wish to extend my deep appreciation the Government of Mongolia for a warm welcome, hospitality and invitation.

Certainly, participation of high-rank representatives and experts today at this forum guarantees achievement of effective results, therefore, it is a great honor for me to deliver a national message from the tribune of our Conference.

The Republic of Tajikistan within the framework of the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction established in 2012, consolidates leading ministries and agencies as well as observers of international organizations and donor countries to take meaningful steps to ensure sustainable development of four priority directions of the "Sendai Framework for Action for 2015-2030". Implementation of these measures will contribute to achievement of seven global targets.

Since the Sendai World Conference, the following events were held in the Republic of Tajikistan:

- six meetings of the National Platform on implementation of this framework recommendations and the National Coordinator for programme's implementation in Tajikistan was determined;
- two meetings of the National Platform expert group on monitoring of the Sendai Framework implementation in Tajikistan were conducted and relevant data was compiled into the monitoring system on UN International Strategy for Disaster Reduction website;
- On November 29, 2017 a Provision of the Committee for Emergency Situations and its new structure has been approved by the Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, which envisage reforming and strengthening governing bodies, foremost, the Crisis Management Centers and Emergency-Rescue Units;
- "Development Programme of the Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense (CoES) under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for the period of 2018-2022" was approved by the Decree of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan dated from May 31, 2018; this programme is aimed at enhancing the professional and technical capacity of the Committee, strengthening and broadening of international cooperation and improving the efficiency of coordination of the relevant structures of the Republic of Tajikistan within the Unified State System on prevention and liquidation of natural and human-made disasters;

- the National Intergovernmental Working Group was established to draft a National Strategy for Disaster Risk Reduction for the period of 2018-2030, with a very active contribution of international organizations;

The draft of the National Strategy was discussed at the National Platform meetings and in May of the current year, the final version was submitted to the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan for approval.

To improve the implementation effectiveness of this Strategy, it was decided to develop state action programmes on realization of this Strategy, covering medium-term visions and 4 years sub-programmes.

I would like to highlight collaboration and aspiration of international organizations and our development partners to contribute to the implementation of the National Strategy of the Republic of Tajikistan and Development Programme of the Committee.

Dear colleagues!

To anticipate the Asian framework plan on implementation of the "Sendai Framework for Action", "New Delhi Declaration", "Dushanbe Declaration" and in the context of increasing global interdependence, we again reaffirm our commitments in this area.

In order to meet undertaken commitments and recommendations, we need a support in professional capacity building, which is crucial the disaster risk reduction. We should merge efforts on elaboration of legal aspects of coordination mechanism. We should aim at holistic exchange of information on wide range of issues related to disaster risk reduction.

The Government of our country once again reaffirms its willingness to strengthen the international cooperation in the sphere of disaster risk reduction, actively participate in the work of important regional meetings.

During the last two years, the Republic of Tajikistan has signed two intergovernmental agreements, five memorandums with international organizations, two action plans for cooperation with the search and rescue services of the partner countries, five major international projects in the field of disaster risk management are successfully implemented on the ground.

On 12 July 2016 we also held the first meeting of the Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction for countries of Central Asia and South Caucasus. The regional meeting of Heads of Emergency agencies of Central Asian countries was organized on March 31, 2017 in Dushanbe.

Adoption of "Dushanbe Declaration" and Protocol of these meetings is an important result of our joint efforts, which were presented at the First Asian Ministerial Conference in New Delhi and at the Fifth Global Forum in Cancún.

One of the priority directions of our activities are strengthening and raising effectiveness of cooperation neighboring countries.

In November 2017, a joint meeting of collegiate bodies of the Committee and the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic was held and in February 2018, the first joint meeting of the Committee and the National Disaster Management Agency of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan was held.

I would like to emphasize that the latter meeting concluded by an agreement on construction of storage facilities on the territory of Tajikistan. These facilities will contain first aid products and non-food stocks to provide timely assistance to the citizens of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan living on the border areas with our country who suffered from natural disasters and trainings of Afghan rescuers on the basis of the Committee's Training-Resource Center.

This year, the first joint collegium of the Committee and Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan is envisaged. The joint collegium with the Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Kyrgyz Republic is planned this year as well.

Dear participants of the conference!

Our country, as an implementer of the Sendai Framework and New National Strategy plans aims to:

- develop and adopt a medium-term government sub-programs on implementation of the National Strategy;
- improve the Unified State System on Prevention and Liquidation of Emergencies through a developed mechanism on expanding authority of its Coordinating body and activities of its respective subsystems;
- develop and strengthen the Committee's technical capacity, and increase the professional level of the personnel and related units to participate in the international search and rescue activities of "INSARAG";
- establish a Psychological Assistance Center and International Center (training area) for training of rescuers;

expand and strengthen the international cooperation. It is proposed to hold the next regional Platform for countries of Central Asia and the South Caucasus in Dushanbe in August 2019.

I wish you all a fruitful cooperation and success in our joint endeavors.

Thank you for attention!!!