Mr. Chairperson, dignitaries, and delegates,

The International Emergency Management Society thanks UNISDR Global Platform on DRR and the Mexican Government for giving this opportunity to us for presenting our Official Statement.

TIEMS started in 1993 is registered in Brussels as an international, independent, and not-for-profit voluntary organization of disaster and emergency management professionals (www.tiems.info) working in the field of DRR. TIEMS has international network of experts that is valuable for exchanging expertise and experience, and can ensure that culturally appropriate best solutions for disaster management would be used. TIEMS organizes workshops, conferences, and conducts research. TIEMS Newsletter with about 100 pages of contemporary disaster management news, developments, research, events, and about disaster incidents is issued three times a year and sent to about 100,000 people around the world. TIEMS has about 85 international experts working voluntarily.

TIEMS has 13 chapters in different countries and regions of the world. The TIEMS–India Chapter, was registered in April 2015, under the Rajasthan Public Trust Act, 1959.

- TIEMS-IC proactively and pro bono with Jaipur city having a population of 3.75 million and got it selected as one of the 100 Resilient Cities pioneered by Rockefeller Foundation.
- TIEMS-IC is disaster management partner of world’s largest free Jaipur Literature Festival for last two years and plan to continue.
- TIEMS-IC designed and conducted an elective disaster management course for the first time in the fifty year history of Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad in 2014-15.
- TIEMS-IC co-hosted with National Disaster Management Authority of Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India a Workshop on Higher Education in Disaster Management: Challenges & Opportunities in New Delhi on Feb. 10, 2017. This Workshop was supported by six organizations.
- To match demand and supply of goods and services by cloud sourcing existing
platforms during response we presented Operation Resilience at the Ignite Stage yesterday here. Operation Resilience is an innovative not-for-profit start up that was awarded by the Government of India based on an all India competition.

TIEMS holds an annual conference in different countries. The 24th TIEMS Annual conference is planned to be held with partnership of another conference from November 6 to 10, 2017 in Visakhapatnam, south India. You are welcome to the Annual Conference.

The vision of TIEMS-IC is to make disaster resilience everybody’s business. India being the third most disaster prone country, we will like to make disaster resilience a mass movement. We will like to promote disaster risk reduction or disaster resilience at world’s largest gatherings kumbh mela held at four places in India at an interval of about three years, cricket matches, nine-nights of garbha navratri festival, and through thousands of local festivals held throughout the year across the length and breadth of India.

We invite the delegates at this Platform to join hands with us in making India and the world resilient.

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