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**INTERVENTION: Open-Ended Consultation to the Co-Chairs of the 3WCDRR**

*From Matthew Rodieck, on behalf of Rehabilitation International’s Task Force on Disability, Armed Conflicts, and Natural Disasters.*

Good Morning and thank you for the opportunity to address this final session of the Co-Chair’s Consultation with representatives of the Major Groups.

My remarks will be focused on content within Section D “Priorities for Action”

Within Section I. National and local context: Understanding disaster risk,

Number 14. National and local policies and practices for disaster risk management, Element i) Strengthen the technical and scientific capacity to develop and apply methodologies, studies and models to assess vulnerabilities to and the impact of geological, weather, water and climate-related hazards, including the improvement of regional monitoring capacities and assessments.

+ Should also include specific mention of *health emergencies* as has been previously raised by health sector colleagues and the WHO.

Within Section II. Global & Regional context: Preparedness for response, recovery & reconstruction, Number 20. The continued strengthening of cooperation at regional and global level on preparedness for response, recovery and reconstruction, Element b.) Promote the further development of standards and other guidance instruments to support preparedness and response, and contribute to the lessons learned for policy practice and reconstruction programmes.

+ *Should include specific reference to the work of our colleagues at ISO around accessibility standards, both for shelters – planned and developed in advance of crises, and in the focus on re-development of infrastructure after disasters and emergencies*.

It is my hope that you will favorably consider closer examination of these particular areas of the new “zero draft” as the Bureau continues to develop further refinements in the 3WCDRR consultative processes.

I thank you for your consideration.