

**INTERVENTION OF THE MEXICAN DELEGATION IN THE OPEN-ENDED
INFORMAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING TOWARDS THE POST 2015
FRAMEWORK FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION**

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Excellencies, dear colleagues,
Good afternoon,

I would like to express again my delegation's gratitude for your efforts and willingness to bring this consultation process to a successful ending. Regarding the elements proposed on **Section D: Priorities for action, national and local context**, I am pleased to share Mexico's views and comments.

Mexico welcomes the approach of developing oriented priorities from the achievements of Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) and agrees with the non-exhaustive nature of the proposed actions. A comprehensive structure of priorities of action at the global, regional, national and local levels is desired to work together on the same basis.

Mexico believes that although there are substantive progresses on priority 1 of the HFA, the new framework should strengthen and not put aside the need to reflect disaster risk reduction (DRR) institutionalization. This priority of action should be a constant task particularly in the local level, where administrations take office for shorter periods than those at the national level. With this goal in mind, we will guarantee continuity of DRR policies and programmes.

In this regard, we would like to see a new framework that strengthens capacity building at the local level, which is an important challenge for countries and regions. It is important to reflect a stronger commitment from local authorities, aspect that in our view is barely mentioned in the pre-zero draft.

In order to have a coherent participation at the local level, Mexico is keen to see communities participating in decision making processes rather than having a limited role as subjects of capacity building. What we are pursuing is turning communities from a passive to a proactive actor of the desired comprehensive framework.

On the understanding disaster risk segment, for Mexico it would be an added value if we consider including traditional methods like those used by communities, especially in remote areas. We need to foster ownership of the post 2015 framework among all stakeholders, promoting their involvement in DRR policies and action plans.

On the investing in social, economic and environmental resilience segment, Mexico shares the view that livelihoods should be considered as an asset, as they are an essential part of local communities' development. We should also consider clearly the links between DRR and climate change adaptation policies. As we have been expressing and hearing from the beginning of the consultation process, both DRR and climate change are closely related.

Mexico considers planning and programming a decisive factor to face disasters. In this regard and as a part of social resilience, we would appreciate not only to promote the protection and strengthening of public infrastructure such as hospitals and schools. We would like to see reflected our commitment to ensure a preventive approach in current and future infrastructure projects. A special emphasis on health facilities could be also considered. We would like to reserve our position on health issues for a later stage of this discussion.

Thank you very much.