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United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

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It is my pleasure to extend warm greetings and good wishes from the government and people of Nigeria, to the good people of Cancun, Mexico and the Global family of disaster risk reduction practitioners.

Our Nation is currently emerging from the effects of her worst humanitarian challenges, - The Boko haram insurgency, an unwarranted conflict that has brought untold hardship and monumental losses, resulting in high number of displaced persons, some have even been forced to take refuge in neighboring countries. The Recovery process is daunting and we continue to solicit for support.

Most recently we have also had to face the challenge of responding to the human losses due to Meningitis.

Hazards due to climatic change have negatively affected our socio-economic activities leading to low productivity, low economic growth, social conflicts, diseases, human migrations, cross border conflicts and rise in crime rate, among others.

Despite these challenges, it is worthy to note that Nigeria has taken giant strides in disaster risk reduction over the years. The political

leadership is committed to increasing the capacity of our citizens and thereby reduce their vulnerabilities. The National Emergency Management Agency has been equipped and empowered to comprehensively manage disasters in Nigeria, with a fully functional Department of Disaster Risk Reduction. We are therefore increasingly taking actions on reducing risks, disaster preparedness, mitigation and recovery.

Mr Chairman, It is important to note that, Nigeria has continued to engaged and champion Disaster Risk Reduction activities both at National and International level which among others include:

- Coordinated and hosted the Fifth Africa's Regional Platform in Abuja, as part of a series of multi-stakeholder consultations prelude to the 3rd World Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR) in Sendai, Japan.
- Coordinated a National Sensitization workshop on the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, produced and validated a plan of action for the implementation of the Sendai framework.
- Established and set up machinery to further strengthen the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction.
- Developed a draft National Policy on Disaster Risk Reduction.

We remain grateful to our International Development partners. I want to specifically mention the United Nation Development Program (UNDP), for their technical and financial support towards

ensuring that Nigeria aligns with global direction in the Sendai implementation strategies.

Mr Chairman, as we begin our deliberations, Nigeria recognises that the trans-boundary nature of conflicts/disasters, imply the need for a united front to fight our common enemies including terrorism, climate change and conflicts. This platform should provide the opportunity to tackle these issues and propose solutions, advice and support to address disaster risk reduction and build resilience of our communities and nations.

Finally, I wish all participants very fruitful deliberations.

Thank you.



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