

Official Statement

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Ukrainian Government within the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 in January 2014 approved the Risk Management Concept for Technogenic and Natural Emergency Situations. So, Ukraine came to the Third UN World Conference in Sendai, Japan, on March, 2015 with ready legislative base and the relevant Implementation Plan adopted for years 2015-2020. According to it Ukraine has to build new safety management system based on a risk-based approach.

Recently this January, in order to fulfill further the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved the Strategy of Reforming the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, which, *inter alia*, envisages full-scope State Emergency System Reform and improvement of its ability to combat natural and man-made threats.

In addition, within the framework of the Association Agreement between Ukraine, on one side, and the European Union, the European Atomic Energy Community and their Member States, on the other side, SES developed plans to implement some legislative acts of the EU (approved by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine in February 2015), providing for implementation:

Directive 2012/18/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of July 4, 2012 "On the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances";

Directive 2007/60/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of October 23, 2007 "On the assessment and management of flood risks."

Analytical review of technogenic and natural safety in Ukraine is to be prepared and published annually. It reflects up-to-date state policy in the sphere of technogenic and natural safety, regional characteristics and risk assessment of natural and man-made threats in Ukraine. Information placed in the review been considered by authorities during the emergency responses, development of measures to protect population and territories from emergency situations, planning process to prevent them and use in training activities for senior civil protection management and high educational institutions of Ukraine.

The risk assessment issue as well as accounting of emergencies and fires are reflected in the Civil Defense Code of Ukraine and other regulations of the

Government of Ukraine. In particular, automated electronic emergency database created and operates successfully in Ukraine, information is available on emergencies, dead and injured people in these incidents, damage caused by emergencies, information about involved responding forces, etc. The above information covers time period since 1997. However, available information does not cover fully all indicators approved by resolution A/71/644 of the UN General Assembly (regarding gender and disability, income of households, general information on damaged critical infrastructure, etc.).

In order to improve gathering and processing of national data on losses due to disasters in Ukraine, relevant interagency working group was created. The Government also identified the need to bring current legislation on national data of losses from disasters in line with methodological approaches of the European Union and the UN. Work in this direction is expected to be done together with experts of the EU project “Program on prevention, preparedness and response to natural and man-made disasters in the Eastern Partnership Countries” (PPRD East 2). Previously, National Action Plan on data of losses from natural disasters has been developed, discussed and adopted with involvement of these experts.

Main purpose of the Risk Management Concept for Technogenic and Natural Emergency Situations, approved by the Government of Ukraine in January 2014, is to achieve acceptable levels of risks throughout Ukraine. This achievement should be reached in following stages:

- 1) to determine risk levels for all sectors of economy and most dangerous sources of emergencies as well, and ensure their reduction to accepted risk levels;
- 2) to achieve risk levels throughout Ukraine according to terms used in economically developed countries.

Implementation Plan of the Risk Management Concept for Technogenic and Natural Emergency Situations for years 2015-2020 envisage following directories:

- organizing directory - seminars, scientific conferences on introduction in Ukraine of the disaster risk management system of man-made and natural emergencies;
- regulation directory – improvement of legislative regulations for implementing risk-based approaches;
- methodical directory – development of risk assessment methodology by science & research institutions systematizing by kinds of emergencies;
- educational directory - training programs on risk management experts in the field of technogenic and natural safety.