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## **EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT (EUR-OPA)**

**Draft Resolution 2014 – 1 of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents on the support to the Post 2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction to be adopted at the 3<sup>rd</sup> United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction**

**adopted at the 65th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents of the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA), Paris, France, 28 November 2014**

### **The Committee of Permanent Correspondents,**

- A. Noting the increase, both in extent and frequency, of natural and technological disasters occurred in Europe and the Mediterranean region during the last years.
- B. Expressing their concern for the increase in the negative effects (economic, social and environmental) on communities affected by those disasters.
- C. Noting that many of those disasters are linked to extreme weather conditions, coastal hazards and forest fires, threats which are all likely to increase with climate change.
- D. Taking note with interest of the draft Post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction submitted by the co-chairs of the Preparatory Committee of the 3rd United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.
- E. Valuing the successful cooperation and synergy between the Council of Europe (European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement, EUR-OPA) and the Secretariat of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN-ISDR).
- F. Noting the success of the European Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction grouping European National Platforms for Disaster Risk Reduction and Hyogo Framework of Action Focal Points and its close cooperation with the EUR-OPA Agreement.
- G. Warmly thanking the UN-ISDR Secretariat for the excellent preparatory work of the Post 2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the involvement of the EUR-OPA Agreement in it.

**RESOLVE to:**

1. continue promoting through its activities disaster risk reduction – including prevention, preparedness and efficient response to emergencies – as a priority at all levels;
2. confirm that the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-15 main messages are still pertinent and its goals still require further work to be fully achieved;
3. highlight the importance of the Post 2015 framework to complement and deepen previous work associated to the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-15;
4. adopt the Post 2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction priority areas as additional guidance for its action in this field over the next years;
5. value the importance of the human dimension of disaster risk reduction recognised in the Post 2015 framework, in particular in what concerns the involvement and care of most vulnerable groups;
6. recognise the need to further prepare societies to the challenges of increased risks from climate change and of new threats on sustainable development;
7. reiterate the crucial role of scientific knowledge and expertise on risks to better assess them and propose innovative solutions to tackle them;
8. acknowledge the specific role of international organizations in the success of the Post 2015 framework implementation;
9. confirm the Council of Europe's commitment, through its Major Hazards Agreement, to participate to the implementation of the Post 2015 framework in its regional area and within its specific mandate;
10. instruct the Executive Secretariat of the Agreement to follow the implementation of activities related to the Post 2015 framework, adapting them as required to new circumstances and making proposals and recommendations to improve its effectiveness;
11. instruct the network of twenty-six Euro-Mediterranean Specialised Centres of the Agreement to support, in their respective spheres of competence, the implementation of the priorities set in the Post 2015 framework, working in a cross-sectoral manner, pooling their expertise in the accomplishment of relevant coordinated programmes.
12. invite European and Mediterranean States which are not part of the Partial Agreement to contribute to that common effort by creating a coherent European and Mediterranean approach to disaster risk reduction, in particular by joining its co-operation structure;
13. support an increased collaboration with the United Nations, the European Commission and other appropriate organisations and fora concerned with disaster reduction and relief in Europe and the Mediterranean in deploying the international aspects of the Post 2015 framework.