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EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT (EUR-OPA)

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 3rd 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 occurring in Europe and the Mediterranean region over recent years;
- B. Expressing their concern for the increase in the negative effects (economic, social and environmental) on communities affected by these disasters;
- C. Noting that many of these disasters are linked to extreme weather conditions, (such as floods, coastal hazards and forest fires), threats which are all likely to increase with climate change;
- D. Valuing the successful cooperation and synergy between the Council of Europe (European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement, EUR-OPA) and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UN-ISDR);
- E. 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;
- F. Warmly thanking the UN-ISDR Secretariat for the excellent preparatory work for the Post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and the involvement of the EUR-OPA Agreement in it;
- G. Confirming that the main messages of the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-15 are still pertinent and further work remains to be done to fully achieve its goals;
- H. Taking note with interest of the draft Post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction submitted by the co-chairs of the Preparatory Committee;
- I. Highlighting the importance of the Post-2015 framework to complement and strengthen previous work associated to the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-15;

RESOLVE to:

1. confirm the Council of Europe's commitment, through its Major Hazards Agreement, to participate in the implementation of the Post-2015 framework in its regional area and within its specific mandate;
2. adopt the Post-2015 framework for Disaster Risk Reduction priority areas as additional guidance for its disaster risk reduction activities – including prevention, preparedness and efficient response to emergencies – over the coming years;
3. emphasize in its future work the importance of the human dimension of disaster risk reduction recognised in the Post-2015 framework, in particular the involvement and care of most vulnerable groups;
4. take account in future activities of the need expressed in the Post-2015 framework to further prepare societies for the challenges of increased risks from climate change and to new threats on sustainable development;
5. reiterate in its future action the crucial role of scientific knowledge and expertise on risks to better assess them and propose innovative solutions to tackle them, as highlighted in the Post-2015 framework;
6. reinforce the future involvement of the Agreement in the specific role of international organisations in the Post-2015 framework implementation, both at national and international levels;
7. 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 their effectiveness;
8. instruct the network of twenty-six Specialised Centres of the Agreement to support, in their respective spheres of competence, the implementation of sound, coordinated programmes in line with the Post-2015 framework priorities;
9. increase 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 region in deploying the international aspects of the Post-2015 framework;
10. invite European and Mediterranean States which are not party to the Partial Agreement to also contribute to this common effort by creating a coherent European and Mediterranean approach to disaster risk reduction, in particular by participating in the Agreement's co-operation structure.