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STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF UGANDA

AT THE 5TH HIGH LEVEL MEETING OF AFRICAN MINISTERS
RESPONSIBLE FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

AFRICA REGIONAL PLATFORM FOR
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

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Mr. Chairman,

Your Excellences,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of my delegation, I convey to you warm greetings from the people of the Republic of Uganda.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to thank the Government and people of the Republic of Mauritius for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to the Uganda Delegation in this beautiful country.

Uganda has an active National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction which meets monthly and brings together representatives of Governments ministries, UN agencies, NGOs, civil society, academia and the private sector. 75% of the Districts have functional Disaster Management Committees.

Uganda has a National Policy on Disaster Preparedness and Management (2011) which is due for revision and will be aligned to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. The process of developing a legal framework, the Uganda National Disaster Preparedness and Management Act, is on-going and will be completed in early 2017.

The Uganda Parliament has a Forum on DRR with a membership of 153 out of 427 MPs. The Forum supports advancement of the DRR agenda, policy and legislative processes. The Members of the Forum have received training in DRR, Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The Government of Uganda together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has completed multi hazard risk assessment and mapping of all the 112 districts in the country. The hazard maps guide preparedness and contingency planning as well as development planning at the central and local Government levels.

With support from UNDP, the National Emergency Coordination and Operations Center (NECOC) has been established and is fully equipped with the most up to date modelling and analysis software, which has heightened the reliability and precision of our early warning capacities to over 80%.

A monthly bulletin covering various hazards is published and disseminated through print and electronic media in addition to situational messages.

Government of Uganda's commitment to building the resilience of its people to shocks and stresses to climate and disaster risks is enshrined in the Uganda Vision 2040 and the second National Development Plan (NDP II). Resilience programmes are being implemented in areas prone to disasters, such as water for production and livestock in the pastoral community of Karamoja sub-region.

The Government of Uganda, with support from the World Bank, is implementing a five year Disaster Risk Financing programme in Karamoja region, the most drought prone area in Uganda. The programme targets the most vulnerable households.

The Government of Uganda has established a standby readiness team of 400 army officers to serve as first line responders to enhance capacity in emergency response. In addition, over 50 officers have been trained in post-disaster needs assessment, to assess and value losses and damages whenever a disaster occurs.

Mr. Chairman, excellences, ladies and gentlemen,

On behalf of the Uganda Delegation, I would like to thank the organizers, and in particular UNISDR, for the high quality of organization and content of the deliberations.

Uganda fully supports and will endorse the outcome document.

I thank you.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY.

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