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Geneva

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Excellencies,

We have the honour to write this letter in our capacities as co-chairs of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (WCDRR).

As you are aware, the General Assembly, by its resolution 68/211 of 20 December 2013, decided to hold the Third World Conference in Sendai, Japan, from 14 to 18 March 2015. The preparatory process is well underway and the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee meeting will take place from 17 to 18 November, in Geneva, Switzerland.

As mandated by the Preparatory Committee, at its first session from 14 to 15 July 2014 in Geneva, a series of open-ended informal consultative meetings have been convened in Geneva in September and October, by the co-chairs on a pre-zero draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction.

In advance of the second session of the Preparatory Committee, which will initiate the consideration by States of a zero-draft of the post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction, it is our pleasure to convene a briefing in New York on substantive and organizational preparations for the Third World Conference.

The briefing will provide an opportunity for delegations in New York to be apprised of and exchange views on the preparatory process leading towards a post-2015 framework for risk reduction. Ambassador Thongphakdi, co-chair of the Preparatory Committee and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, will be joined by His Excellency Mr. Motohide Yoshikawa, Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations in New York, and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction, Ms. Margareta Wahlström.

The briefing will take place on Monday, 27 October 2014 from 13:15 to 14:45 in the ECOSOC Chamber (CB).

Please accept, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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All Permanent Representatives and
Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York

**Briefing by the Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee for the
Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction**

Moderated by Ms. Margareta Wahlström,
Special Representative of the Secretary-General
for Disaster Risk Reduction

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

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| Welcoming remarks | H.E. Mr. Kai Sauer, Permanent Representative of Finland to the United Nations in New York |
| Remarks | H.E. Mr. Thani Thongphakdi, Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

His Excellency Mr. Motohide Yoshikawa, Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations in New York

Ms. Margareta Wahlström, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Disaster Risk Reduction |
| Interactive session | Exchange of views from Member States, Permanent Observers and major groups |
| Closing remarks | H.E. Mr. Thani Thongphakdi, Co-Chair of the Preparatory Committee for the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and Permanent Representative of Thailand to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva |