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Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen,

1. It is my honour and privilege to have assumed the chairmanship of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Development of Disaster Information Management at its fifth session on 26 January 2021 and to present its outcomes here at the 77th session of Commission.

2. The Council noted the challenges caused by COVID19 and made recommendations on the ways and means through which APDIM could expand its contribution on capacity development and promote regional cooperation and partnership on disaster knowledge and information management in the region. The Council stressed the importance of disaster risk reduction and information management to enhance connectivity, disaster and climate resilience and risk-informed development in the region, in order to achieve the objectives of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development Gaols.

3. The Council reviewed and discussed the Report on activities of APDIM since the Fourth Session of the Governing Council and noted with satisfaction the implementation of APDIM work Plan 2020 which was adopted by the Council’s fourth session in Islamabad on 20 February 2020, with 83% implementation rate.

4. Within the above context, the Council made the following decisions:

   (a) The Governing Council of APDIM has taken note of the report on the activities of APDIM since the fourth session of the Council and expressed
its satisfaction with the progress and achievements made in the implementation of the Programme of Work of the Centre.

(b) The Council has taken note of the administrative and financial status of the Centre and the completion of the process for its establishment including final ratification of Host Country Agreement and conclusion of the Administrative and Financial Arrangements of the Centre. The Council encouraged the members and associate members of ESCAP to mobilize financial and/or in-kind support for the Centre and take active role in the delivery of the Centre’s programme of work.

(c) The Council endorsed the Multi-Year Strategic Programme of Work (2021-2030) and Programmes for the Biennium 2021-2022 of the Centre.

(d) The Council expressed its deep appreciation to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting the Centre and providing generous financial and in-kind contributions for the establishment and activities of the Centre. The Council also thanked the governments of Cambodia and Macao, China for providing financial contributions to APDIM. The Council endorsed, with appreciation, the offer made by the Government of Turkey to host the sixth session of the Council. The Council extended its gratitude to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for hosting its fifth session.

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