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**Chair,  
Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction, Seventh Session  
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**Video recorded statement (draft) (3 minutes)**

Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

**[Introduction and Greetings]**

- It was my honor, together with vice-Chairs from Indonesia and Japan, to be elected as Chair of the seventh session of the Committee on Disaster Risk Reduction which was convened from 25 to 27 August 2021 in virtual format.
- The Committee was attended by representatives from 37 members and associate members, 5 permanent observers 9 organizations from the United Nations, 8 international organizations and five non-governmental organizations.

**[Main Part]**

- I am pleased to highlight the following key outcomes:
- **First**, the Committee recommended a scale-up of regional and subregional cooperation strategies that integrate disasters, including climate-related

disasters, and associated health perspectives, to complement national efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- **Second**, the Committee recommended further capacity-building activities to manage and mitigate cascading risks using innovative technology tools.
- **Finally**, the Committee recommended technical advice and capacity-building support on the implementation of the health aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, including by taking note of the Bangkok Principles for the implementation of the health aspects of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 and other relevant regional and subregional frameworks and initiatives.

### [Closing]

Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- Taking this opportunity, I would like to express deep appreciation to the ESCAP secretariat for the support it provided to me, the bureau and the Seventh Session of the Committee.

Thank you.