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Excellency,

On behalf of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), it is my pleasure to share with you the outcome of the 7<sup>th</sup> Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction convened in Bali, Indonesia from 25-28 May 2022 under the theme “From Risk to Resilience: Towards Sustainable Development for All in a COVID-19 Transformed World”. The outcome of the Global Platform is a Co-Chair’s Summary – Bali Agenda for Resilience (BAR) – which offers lessons from the pandemic and pathways to address the climate emergency. The theme of the Global Platform bears relevance to the theme of the 2022 High-Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development (HLPF), “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

The Global Platform conveys the clear message of the need to reassess the way risk is governed and policy is designed, as well as the type of institutional arrangements that need to be put in place at all levels. The disaster caused by COVID-19 and the ongoing climate crisis has shown us that we need to transform our systems to build the world we want before the window of opportunity closes, including by factoring the impact on disaster risk that our investment decisions, policies and programs have across sectors. The BAR also highlights good practices in disaster risk reduction financing, which should be scaled up to enable us to reach the goals of the 2030 Agenda, Paris Agreement, and Sendai Framework.

As Member States and the United Nations system prepare for the critical inflection point in 2023 to mark global stocktakes of the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement, and the Sendai Framework, we commit our full support to achieve our collective vision for transformative change towards sustainable, inclusive, risk-informed and resilient development for the benefit of current and future generations. As per General Assembly resolution 76/204, I invite you to integrate the seven priority areas of action from the Global Platform as a key contribution to the HLPF to demonstrate the urgency of reducing risk and building resilience if we are to recover from the COVID-19 crisis, overcome the global threat of climate change, and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

During your Presidency of the Economic and Social Council, your leadership on disaster risk reduction and resilience has been instrumental in building political commitments to further its implementation as an integral part of sustainable development. My Office stands ready to support this very important session of the HLPF.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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