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Excellency,

On behalf of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), I am pleased to share with you the outcome of the Eighth Session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, which took place in Geneva, Switzerland from 2 to 6 June 2025 under the theme “*Every Day Counts: Act for Resilience Today.*” The outcome of the Global Platform is captured in the Co-Chairs’ Summary, titled the *Geneva Call for Disaster Risk Reduction*. This document reflects the deliberations of more than 3,600 participants from 177 countries and provides strategic guidance on accelerating implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in the final five years to 2030.

The Co-Chairs’ Summary presents eight priority messages, calling for: (i) better data to understand risk; (ii) ethical use of technology to accelerate progress; (iii) integrated risk governance; (iv) scaled investment in prevention; (v) risk-informed public and private investments; (vi) expansion of early warning systems; (vii) inclusive approaches that leave no one behind; and (viii) enhanced recovery readiness to build back better. These messages align closely with safeguarding progress on the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and are directly relevant to ECOSOC’s mandate.

As requested in General Assembly resolution 79/205, I respectfully submit the outcome of the Global Platform to the Economic and Social Council as a substantive contribution to the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. The *Geneva Call for Disaster Risk Reduction* demonstrates that disaster risk reduction remains a unifying and practical agenda for resilience-building in the face of overlapping crises.

UNDRR deeply values your continued leadership in advancing risk-informed, inclusive, and sustainable development. My team and I stand ready to support ECOSOC and Member States in furthering this agenda.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Kishore', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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