

**Statement by**  
**The Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran**  
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**Under the Item entitled “Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction”**

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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

**Mr. Co-Chair,**

Thank you very much for giving me the floor,

Thanks also go to the keynote speakers and panelists of this part of the session and the UN Task Team for the background paper.

I would like to associate itself with the statement made by Fiji, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, and to add a couple of points in my national capacity.

**Mr. Chairman,**

My delegation values very highly the issue of Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, since Iran is a victim of this phenomenon, and believes that our approach towards this issue shouldn't be as to treat it like an isolated issue, but as a multi-dimensional and cross-cutting subject affecting and getting affected by other main themes. This is the way that my delegation sees the "integration of the third dimension" of sustainable development into other dimensions.

Additionally, we also believe that since the issue at hand has its own specialized instruments and frameworks, the OWG should not repeat or encroach over the other mechanisms mandate and work.

It is the opinion of my delegation that instead of defining goals and targets in -silo, as to repeat the others, this working group should work on how to implement the goals and targets agreed in the related frameworks, in a practical way, and in the integration of other main themes, especially when we are designing the indicators and their related means of implementations. For instance, in defining the targets for addressing the global vulnerabilities and enhancing resiliency of the people, we might think of elements that deal with tackling the issue of climate change and disaster risk reduction.

**Mr. Co-Chair,**

There is another important point that we have to take it seriously into consideration; and that is the issue of developing a mechanism for quantifying and measuring related targets, since the issue of climate change and disaster risks are not linear and their footprints are found almost in every field. And, it is obvious that if there wouldn't be any measuring mechanism, the tracking and evaluation of the effects and recovering implementation, would be almost impossible.

Mr. Co-Chair, to conclude, my delegation maintains that in considering the issue of Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, one should not overlook the basic agreed principles enshrined in the internationally agreed instruments.

**I thank you Mr. Co-Chair,**