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AGENDA ITEM 4(d)

**Report of the seventh session of the Governing Council of the Asian and
Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management
7 December 2022**

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Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

It is my honour to present the outcomes of the seventh session of the APDIM Governing Council held in Istanbul on 7th December 2023.

1. The Governing Council noted the activities of the Centre since its sixth session and that, owing to insufficient financial resources, only some activities included in the Centre's programme of work for 2021–2022 could be implemented and endorsed the Centre's programme of work for 2023.

2. The Governing Council noted the endorsement by the Commission, at its seventy-eighth session of the Regional Plan of Action on Sand and Dust Storms in Asia and the Pacific.

3. The Governing Council noted the recommendations of the high-level consultative meeting on disaster information management, held in Istanbul, on 6 and 7 December 2022, and emphasized the importance of effective risk assessments and of impact-based forecasting, monitoring and early warning.

4. The Governing Council expressed its appreciation to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the generous financial and in-kind voluntary contributions made to date, as well as to Cambodia and Macao, China, for their valuable financial contributions. The Governing Council requested the secretariat

to provide a written update on the financial situation of the Centre by 31 March 2023 which is contained in document ESCAP/79/10/Add.1, informing the Governing Council that the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran disbursed on 27 February 2023 the amount of Iranian Rials (IRR) 375 billion to the ESCAP account and a total amount of USD 1,327,739 has initially been recorded by the ESCAP secretariat on 14 March 2023 subject to any possible adjustment due to currency exchange rates.”

5. The Governing Council requested the secretariat of the Commission to continue its consultations with the host country of the Centre with a view to further facilitating the disbursement of contributions and to enhancing the Centre’s visibility. The Governing Council encouraged the members and associate members of the Commission to mobilize financial and in-kind support for the Centre and take an active role in the delivery and implementation of the Centre’s programme of work.

Thank you.