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BRIEF STATEMENT FOR THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE ASIAN AND PECIFIC CENTRE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISASTER INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (APDIM)

- India, as a founding member of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM), reaffirms its commitment to advancing disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience building across the Asia-Pacific region. The Governing Council plays a vital role in guiding APDIM's strategic priorities, reviewing its administrative and financial status, and advising on the formulation of its program of work.

- India recognizes APDIM's mandate to reduce human and material losses caused by natural hazards and its contributions to designing effective DRR policies aligned with the Sendai Framework and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). India is dedicated to fostering regional cooperation, capacity building, and innovation in disaster information management systems.

- India emphasizes the importance of leveraging information and communication technologies (ICTs) for disaster risk assessment, preparedness, response, and recovery. By integrating remote sensing data, digital elevation models, and historical disaster records, India aims to strengthen evidence-based decision-making for disaster mitigation measures.

- The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has enunciated ten-point agenda on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) during the Asian Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (AMCDRR) held in New Delhi in November 2016. The all-inclusive agenda presents a holistic approach to disaster risk reduction and addresses a whole range of issues, from community preparedness to use of technology and international cooperation.

- India looks forward to collaborating with fellow member states and stakeholders to enhance APDIM's role in promoting resilience, sharing best practices, and ensuring that communities across the region are better equipped to face future challenges. Together, we can build a safer and more resilient Asia-Pacific Region.

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