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FOR THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC CENTRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISASTER INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

The Maldives envisions a future where resilience is deeply embedded in every community, empowering nations across the Asia-Pacific to anticipate, adapt to, and overcome the challenges of an increasingly uncertain world. Since the adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, we have made significant progress in institutionalising disaster risk reduction, laying a strong foundation for a safer and more sustainable future. With less than five years to 2030, our commitment to strengthening resilience remains unwavering.

For Small Island Developing States (SIDS) like the Maldives, the impacts of climate change are neither distant nor abstract: they are immediate and profound. Addressing these challenges requires a united global effort, where shared knowledge and innovation form the backbone of effective approaches towards disaster risk reduction and building back better.

This is why the Maldives has worked in close partnership with the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) to build national and regional resilience. Since 2022, our collaboration with the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM) has been instrumental in advancing our preparedness and response capabilities. APDIM's support in developing the National Disaster Management Authority's Strategic Plan and the National Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy has significantly enhanced our ability to mitigate disaster risks effectively.

As a member of the Governing Council of APDIM, the Maldives aspires to drive transformative change in disaster management across the region. We believe that through collaborative partnerships, cutting-edge technologies, and innovative data-driven solutions, we can strengthen the capacity of governments, empower local communities, and forge dynamic alliances with international organisations. By fostering knowledge exchange and harnessing emerging technologies, we can collectively enhance our ability to predict, prepare for, and respond to disasters with greater precision and efficiency.

The Maldives is committed to promoting regional and international cooperation, ensuring that diverse expertise converges to develop adaptive and forward-thinking solutions.

Our vision is to transform disaster information into actionable insights that safeguard lives, livelihoods, and ecosystems across the Asia-Pacific. By strengthening our partnership with APDIM, and serving on the Governing Council, we seek to leave a legacy of resilience: ensuring that future generations inherit a world that is better prepared, more secure, and truly sustainable.