Statement by the Macao Special Administrative Region on Seeking Re-election as a Member of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management

The Macao Special Administrative Region (Macao SAR) is seeking re-election as a member of the Governing Council of the Asian and Pacific Centre for the Development of Disaster Information Management (APDIM) for the term 2025-2028 to advance regional disaster prevention and reduction work. Located in the Asia-Pacific region, the Macao SAR has a longstanding history of active involvement in regional cooperation. In light of the global climate change, the Macao SAR is also threatened by disasters such as typhoons, heavy rains, and storm surges. These disasters not only impact the residents' quality of life but also disrupt the city's operation and social stability. Therefore, the Macao SAR places significant emphasis on disaster prevention and reduction work and is committed to enhancing the city's resilience capabilities against disasters.

The Macao SAR aims to contribute to disaster management in the Asia-Pacific region by seeking re-election as a member of the APDIM Governing Council. APDIM has garnered rich experience in disaster information collection, analysis, application, etc. Its advanced technologies and concepts are valuable learning resources for the Macao SAR. We look forward to integrating the cutting-edge achievements of APDIM in disaster information management, early warning system construction, risk assessment models, and other areas, so as to enhance our disaster prevention work in the Macao SAR.

Meanwhile, the Macao SAR has also accumulated some experience in disaster prevention and reduction work and aims to share it with other APDIM members. In terms of typhoon prevention, the Macao SAR has established a typhoon emergency response mechanism. Every year before the typhoon season arrives, government departments, social organizations, and residents actively participate in typhoon exercises to improve emergency response capabilities. During typhoons, disaster information is promptly released through multiple channels to guide residents to take protective measures.

If the Macao SAR is successfully re-elected as a member of the APDIM Governing Council, we will be dedicated to:

• Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Exchanges: Actively participate in various activities of APDIM, strengthen communication with other members, and facilitate the dissemination of disaster prevention and reduction technologies, experiences, and information. Regularly participate in technical seminars, knowledge-sharing sessions, etc., to build a broader communication platform and promote the common progress of regional disaster prevention and reduction work.

We believe that by being re-elected as a member of the APDIM Governing Council, we can not only access more advanced concepts and technologies from APDIM but also make significant contributions to the cause of disaster prevention and reduction in the Asia-Pacific region. Our ultimate goal is to collaboratively strengthen the disaster prevention and resilience capabilities of the Asia-Pacific region.