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Excellency,

I refer to the upcoming conference on disaster risk reduction to be held in Sendai, Japan, from 14 to 18 March 2015, and recall that relevant resolutions of the General Assembly on the Conference (66/199 of 22 December 2011, 67/209 of 21 December 2012, 68/211 of 20 December 2013, and 69/219 of 19 December 2014), referred to it as the "Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction".

It has been brought to my attention that the title "Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction" has been used in certain documents of the Conference and that there is a wish among Member States to consolidate that title by way of a decision of the General Assembly.

Accordingly, I attach for your consideration a draft decision regarding the change of title of the conference. It is my intention to convene a meeting of the General Assembly at 10 a.m. on Thursday 5 March 2015, to take action on the draft decision.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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All Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations New York

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Agenda item 19 (c)

Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

The General Assembly,

Recalls its resolutions 66/199 of 22 December 2011, 67/209 of 21 December 2012, 68/211 of 20 December 2013, and 69/219 of 19 December 2014, and decides that the third world conference on disaster risk reduction that will take place in Sendai, Japan, from 14 to 18 March 2015, shall be known as the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.