



PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 76/204 of 17 December 2021 entitled “Disaster risk reduction”, by which the General Assembly requested me to appoint co-facilitators to lead intergovernmental negotiations on a concise and action-oriented political declaration to renew commitment and accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework to be adopted at the high-level meeting on the midterm review of the Sendai Framework to be held in New York on 18-19 May 2023.

I have the further honour to inform you that I have appointed H.E. Mr. Mitch Fifield, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations and H.E. Mr. Arrmanatha Christiawan Nasir, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations as co-facilitators to lead negotiations on the aforementioned political declaration.

It is my true conviction that a transformative agenda must be based on scientific evidence and data, and I would strongly encourage Member States to consider, during their consultations, all that science can offer to build a shared knowledge base and bring a common understanding. In this regard, I invite the co-facilitators to ensure that all relevant stakeholders participate and engage meaningfully in this process.

In an effort to bring greater coherence to the work of the General Assembly, I intend to invite the co-facilitators to brief the General Committee on a regular basis.

I would like to thank Ambassador Fifield and Ambassador Nasir for having accepted this very important responsibility. I trust that you will extend your full support and cooperation to them throughout the negotiation process.

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


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