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Excellency,

On behalf of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), allow me to offer my deep and sincere gratitude to you for having convened the High-level Meeting of the UN General Assembly on the Midterm review of the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (HLM MTR SF).

The HLM MTR SF achieved its objective to reflect on the findings and recommendations of the MTR SF and formulate a forward-looking and risk-informed approach to more effectively address the systemic nature of risk. Importantly, the political declaration and the engagement of Member States, the UN System and stakeholders have raised global awareness and generated political momentum to integrate risk reduction in all decision-making, investment, and behaviour.

I have the pleasure to submit a *Summary of the High-Level Meeting of the Midterm Review of the Sendai Framework*. The Summary reflects the discussions of the meeting to amplify and accelerate risk-informed action for achievement of the outcome and goal of the Sendai Framework by 2030, and risk-informed sustainable development. In this regard, I kindly request the circulation of the report to Member States.

I look forward to further collaboration throughout the session, in our collective endeavour in realising risk-informed sustainable development.

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

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