



**Remarks by Chairman NDMA, Lt Gen Inam Haider Malik on the
High Level Meeting of the Midterm Review of Implementation
of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
(18 May, 2023)**

**Madam President,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Pakistan aligns its statement with the statement delivered by Cuba on behalf of the G77 & China

Ladies and Gentlemen, I proffer my gratitude, representing Pakistan and National Disaster Management Authority of Pakistan here at today's august forum. I acknowledge the timely and critical intervention in the form of midterm review and the processes which are very critical and applying the need for mid-course correction is necessitated by fast closing time window and piling baggage of unattended past agendas.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Today, Pakistan is facing daunting challenge of amassing a colossal executive plan for recovery and reconstruction, after the last year's devastating floods that impacted 30 million people, costed 1740 lives and over US\$30 billion loss and damage assessments. It is important to note that inspite of huge financial challenges; the Government of Pakistan has demonstrated outstanding resolve and showcased its commitment for people needs. Pakistan military especially the Army led rescue and relief operations helped stabilizing initial phases of rescue and resulted in great control on damage and impacts.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I also present for your notice that during this year's Syrian and Turkiye earthquake experience, Pakistan came forward in a big way to assist a country in distress, being a country in distress itself and articulated help amassed over 10,000 tons of relief articles moved to Turkiye and Syria via air bridge, land routes and sea cargo dispatches.

Government of Pakistan stands fully committed to replicate the successful templates and meet the Sendai Framework expectation thresholds. Well planned measures in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) look at a transformed proactive approach by Pakistan in mitigating the

risks and disaster management, building due resilience for potential disaster managements and addressing all disasters and climate emergencies lying in waiting and sustaining balance to uphold regional and global objectives.

Having enacted comprehensive disaster management governance, inclusiveness of local needs, National DRR policies and National disaster management plan, Pakistan keeps itself aligned with the four defining priority areas identified in Sendai Framework.

Keeping our focus on midterm review, we advance the idea of realistic course correction recommendations that stem from learning the shared successful templates, which can be copied elsewhere and making technical inputs for early warning and climate projections available without boundaries.

The forum also acknowledges the digital divide and capacity gaps in various geographical zones and regions and economies, which deter the true implementation of DRR as envisaged.

Climate threats are global and thus they warrant global objectives and global success. Either all are safe or none could be fully saved from potential disasters and calamities. Leading pathfinders may kindly extend the helping hand to the followers on trail.

Pakistan proposes dedicated Global DRR Fund under UNDRR to finance the global and regional initiatives, separate from climate focused financing windows.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We acknowledge all global partners and supporters who have helped Pakistan to stand in the disaster and look forward for early recovery from last year's floods and we also stand committed to enable any of the SFDRR driven balance recovery plan for the region and globe, a success.

God Speed and Thank you.