

Comments on  
DRAFT 2015 MINISTERIAL DECLARATION  
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I.R.of iran

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the I.R. of Iran, I would like to draw your attention to the following items:

*Item 1, line 6*, it is suggested that ESCAP Resolution 71/11 "Establishment of the Asian and Pacific centre for the development of disaster information management (APDIM)" be added after *the Sendai framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030.*"

Moreover, with regard to the DRAFT 2015 MINISTERIAL DECLARATION, Iran would like to call attention to the fact that the developing countries can benefit from the GEOSS, if they have built related technical capacity in order to use the available data. In this sense, technical assistance of the Developed Countries to the developing countries through the knowledge and technology transfer is of main importance. So, I would like to make the following suggestion:

*Item 10, line 2*, it is recommended that after "*information and knowledge.*"

The following line be added

"Through transferring knowledge to and building technical capacity in the developing counties in order to optimize data usage"

Thank you Mr. Chairman.