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SECTION 1

I. BACKGROUND

1. The Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) for the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction (IDNDR), appointed by the Secretary-General pursuant to General Assembly resolution 44/236, held its Sixth Session in Washington D.C. (U.S.A.), from 27 February to 3 March 1995, at the invitation of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences and with the financial support of the U.S. Government. The list of participants appears in Annex 1.

II. OPENING OF THE SESSION

A. Introduction

The inaugural session was opened by Dr. Kintanar, Chairman of the STC. The Chair thanked N.A.S. and the U.S. Agencies co-sponsoring the meeting.

On the inaugural session, the meeting heard opening statements from the following speakers:

Mr. James Lee Witt, Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA),
Mr. Peter Hansen, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs,
Dr. Frank Press, former Director of U.S. National Academy of Sciences,
Dr. Olavi Elo, Director, IDNDR Secretariat

B. Adoption of the Agenda (annex 2)

The agenda and the programme of work were adopted with a modification of the private session which was moved from Thursday to Wednesday evening.