

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS DISASTER REDUCTION DIVISION ACTION PLAN 1995

INTRODUCTION

The resources of the Department were consolidated by integrating the functions of the IDNDR Secretariat and the Disaster Mitigation Branch (DMB) in the Disaster Reduction Division. Within this division, the IDNDR Secretariat concentrates on the coordination of the implementation of resolution 44/236 (IDNDR) by the international community, including promotion and public information, while DMB continues to support regional and national programmes. In view of the specific task entrusted on him for the implementation of the resolution 44/236, the Director of IDNDR reports directly to the Emergency Relief Coordinator, USG-DHA.

The division's orientation during 1995 is increasingly influenced by the Yokohama Strategy and Action Plan, the outcome of the World Conference on Natural Disaster Reduction, which was endorsed by the General Assembly in December 1994 (Resolution 49/22A/IDNDR). This means, i.e., increasing collaboration with UN and other organizations in programme and project development, and implementation by Governments with concerted support from these organizations.

Resolution 49/22B (early warning) places a specific responsibility on the division in reviewing and reporting on the early warning systems for natural and "environmental" disasters.

The main "activity streams" will be:

- Promotion and information including public information, publications, conferences, information and early warning systems
- Research and evaluation, including support to case studies and identification of appropriate technology and institutional infrastructures
- Technical support for disaster mitigation, including support at regional and country level, programme and project development, local resource mobilization and networking
- Coordination and management, including servicing of SHLC, STC, NC's/FP's
- Resource mobilization for the IDNDR Trust Fund.

A list of staff assignments is annexed to this Action Plan.