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1 INTRODUCTION

The Chair of the Committee, Mr. Iuliu Bara, welcomed the participants (cf. Appendix 1) and expressed his sorrow for the human losses in the previous night's earthquake in the Italian region of the Abruzzi. The Executive Secretary, Mr. Eladio Fernandez-Galiano, proposed to convey to the Italian authorities the sympathy of the whole Agreement for the victims of the Aquila earthquake: a letter in that sense will be sent shortly.

Mr. Bara announced that the representative of Monaco, Colonel Yannick Bersihand was participating for the last time in a meeting of the Committee. Mr. Bersihand confirmed his imminent retirement and emphasized what a pleasure it had been for him to participate for over ten years in the activities of the Agreement. He introduced Commandant Tony Varo as the future Permanent Correspondent of Monaco. On behalf of the whole Committee, Mr. Bara thanked Mr. Bersihand for his permanent commitment to the Agreement and Mr. Fernandez-Galiano also acknowledged Mr. Bersihand's constant stimulating intellectual contribution.

The Executive Secretary informed on the appointment of Tanya Peshovska as new administrative assistant of the Agreement, particularly in charge of the organization of the meetings of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents.

2 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without amendments and the Executive Secretariat briefly recalled the main conclusions of the last Committee meeting held in Istanbul.

3 EXAMINATION OF THE CENTRES' 2009 ACTIVITIES

- **Meeting of the Directors of Specialised Centres of the Agreement (Paris, 5-6 February 2009)**

The Executive Secretariat informed the participants of the decisions taken during the last annual meeting of Directors of Specialized Centres. The main decision was to continue the effort on coordinated projects through the setting up of thematic groups, completing the three already existing groups (on school education, on legislation and on cultural heritage) with two new groups respectively on assessment (which will focus in 2009 on earthquake issues) and on post disaster intervention (which will focus in 2009 on terminology issues).

The Belgian delegate pointed out that the recent increase in the number of Centres and of thematic groups could prove to be a potential problem for the already established ones. The Executive Secretary highlighted that new Centres receive no annual grant but contribute to reinforce the coordinated programmes by providing their additional expertise. He also noted that in spite of the fact that Centres have fully understood that only limited means are available, the amount and quality of their proposals should be recognised.

The Secretariat recalled the different goals of the various financial supports provided by the Agreement: whereas the annual grant is essentially a support to concrete projects developed by a Centre (which can be pilot projects), the coordinated programme funds should be devoted to common international projects involving several Centres. The Chair remarked

that even if such joint activities are difficult to set up, the Centres themselves at their February meeting supported an increased coordination of their activities.

With regard to financial means, the Armenian delegate pointed out that external funds, such as the World Bank, could support additional activities of the Agreement. He also proposed to discuss with the San Marino delegate how to promote a common effort in the field of emergency medicine, a topic which is also of interest for the Azerbaijan delegate.

The Lebanese delegate complained about the lack of information by the Centres on their activities and suggested to recommend them to undertake a wider dissemination of their results, particularly to the Permanent Correspondents. The Chair also emphasized the need to highlight the links between the Centres. The Executive Secretary fully supported that proposal and recalled that the Agreement's website is always ready to post information on the various activities and as often as possible one or two Centres' activities are presented during meetings of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents.

- **Evaluation of the 2008 activities and examination of the activities scheduled in 2009**

The Executive Secretariat briefly recalled the activities already carried out in 2008 and those planned in 2009 on the following topics:

- Policy
- Legislation – Management
- Training
- School Education
- Information – Awareness
- Vulnerability and Risk
- Forest Fires
- Cultural heritage
- Climate Change Impact
- Seismic Risk
- Post-Disaster Action
- Psychological Aid

A general discussion on these topics was opened. The Secretariat emphasized that the main topic in 2008 had been the role of local and regional authorities, with the international workshops organized in Kiev, Ukraine, and in Istanbul, Turkey. In 2009, the Agreement will devote a particular effort to a major challenge identified during the Istanbul workshop, namely the unavoidable impact of climate change on present disaster prevention and management. This line of action will materialize through the holding of the international workshops planned in May in Ravello (Italy), restricted to cultural heritage issues, and in October in Spain, more largely devoted to water-related risks.

As far as the evolution of the guidelines from one year to the next is concerned, the Secretariat noted that there had been no critical changes in the topics covered. They essentially remain the same as those identified in the 2007-2011 Medium Term Plan, simply with adjustments of the emphasis on each of them. Two clear examples are the consolidation of activities linked to school education and local authorities and the recent increasing significance of climate change effects as adaptation issues are becoming more and more important.

The Monaco delegate pointed out that work on climate change issues is not new as the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco, a former specialized Centre of the Agreement, has been studying coral destruction due to increased sea temperatures for over 15 years. The Executive Secretary emphasized that now the message has become more political, the importance of the actions to be taken related to natural and technological disasters should be included in the adaptation plan. The UNESCO representative also remarked that they can provide their experience on different topics included in the programme of activities (i.e. floods, cultural heritage, early warning system, ...) and will support common initiatives in these fields.

4 SPECIALISED CENTRES

- **Presentation of the Euro-Mediterranean Seismological Centre (EMSC)**

Mr Remy BOSSU, Secretary General of the EMSC, briefly presented the EMSC's structure, which collects and compiles data from different networks on earthquakes. As the impact of moderate earthquakes is difficult to evaluate, it is useful to receive direct information from the users of the website (as most consultations are related to people having felt the earthquake): a "citizens' seismology" initiative has been developed. Based on online questionnaires, the goal is to relate the responses to consultations to obtain additional information on the impact of the event. Witnesses of earthquakes also have the possibility to send photos of the event. This approach appears as a good interface between scientists and the general public: it can reinforce the sense of risk of the latter and consequently their willingness to support preventive measures.

- **Presentation of the European Centre for Forest Fires**

Ms. Sofia KARMA, of the National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), presented the main objectives of the Centre. Their topics are related to forest fires but mainly to social and economic issues: stress health impact on civilians and fire-fighters of fire smokes. They publish annually the review "Forest Fire Net". The main activities developed over recent years were a workshop on health effects of fire smoke in 2005, a case study on forest fires in the Peloponnese in August 2007 and a joint project with GMFC Freiburg in 2008. They plan to organize in 2009 a one day preparatory workshop on ethical issues in disasters such as forest fires and earthquakes, a topic which can interest other Centres.

- **Proposal to expand the network of Specialised Centres : the Bulgarian National Training Centre**

On behalf of Mr Nalbant (director of the Bulgarian National Training Centre), Ms. Gloria STOYANOVA presented their present and future activities on training which can contribute to the coordinated programmes. Such training includes civil servants, local authorities but also the population, and in particular at school level. Already at kindergarten, colouring books are provided and some exercises are developed while at upper levels, teachers' books have been published. They also try to implement obligatory training at university level. Every year a national drawing competition "Mission Rescuer" is organized, becoming an international competition every two years. In 2008, they also prepared an information campaign for disaster protection training with disabilities.

All participants highlighted the interest for the Agreement of the activities presented but the issue of the actual legal status of the Centre was raised. The Secretariat emphasized that as the Agreement's financial support to the Centre is limited to the coordinated programmes, its structure is not an obstacle. Thus the Permanent Correspondents approved the inclusion of the Bulgarian National Training Centre in the network of Specialized Centres of the Agreement.

5 INFORMATION OF FORTHCOMING RELEVANT EVENTS

5.1 *Climate change related topics*

- **Preparation of the international workshop on climate change and cultural heritage, Ravello, 14-16 May 2009**

Based on already existing research on the new threats to cultural heritage induced by climate change, the goal of the workshop is to move from that scientific viewpoint to a more policy oriented approach on the challenges raised by those climate change phenomena. The Lebanese delegate remarked that such a topic has also been supported by the EU DG Research through studies on coastal and submerged heritage in the East Mediterranean.

- **Preparation of the international master level course on climate change and cultural heritage, Strasbourg, 7-11 September 2009**

The course is intended to relay the actual knowledge on climate change impact on cultural heritage and to promote future work, both on the theoretical level but also on more practical ground, related to that issue.

- **Preparation of the international workshop on climate change impact on water-related risks, October 2009**

Based on the increasing mitigation approach to climate change, the planned workshop wishes to discuss how the two often opposed phenomena (namely increased temperatures and/or increased rainfalls) interact in issues related to natural risks. The Executive Secretary pointed out that such a workshop is important to identify the possible contribution to the Agreement and called upon each State for their assistance in identifying the risks related to climate change.

Mr. Vigneaux recalled that the master level course on coastal risks planned in Biarritz in 2009 will complement this activity and announced a follow-up seminar in 2010.

5.2 *Thematic Groups*

- **Thematic group on Cultural Heritage and Risk, Athens, 25 February 2009**

The Secretariat informed of the first meeting of the group held back to back with a Workshop on seismic protection of monuments. Apart from the activities already planned for 2009, the group proposed to prepare a document summarizing the present knowledge on the topic. The Armenian delegate expressed his interest in the work of this thematic

group and asked to have the details of the experts belonging to the group for possible consultations. The Secretariat recalled that the report prepared under the supervision of Ms. Sabbioni included some methodological proposals. The French delegate pointed out the “Bouclier Bleu” initiative (on protection of heritage from natural disaster) and suggested a possible collaboration with this initiative.

- **Thematic Group on Awareness and Education to Risk at School Level (BE-SAFE-NET), Paphos, 28-29 April 2009**

The Cypriot delegate, as coordinator of the BeSafeNet initiative, recalled its principal steps as well as the main public addressed, namely secondary school teachers and school children. The Secretariat highlighted the significant effort made in 2008 by several Centres to produce the basic material on hazards: landslides, volcanoes, marine risks, droughts, radiological and chemical hazards are almost finalized. As suggested by the Armenian delegate, the initiative should be extended beyond purely hazard descriptions. However, in order to provide adequate material for the school teachers, the forthcoming meeting will nevertheless be devoted to the basic topic.

- **Thematic group on legislative aspects of risk: analysis of the role of local and regional authorities in major hazard management, Paris, 11-12 June 2009**

As coordinator of the group, Ms. Bernaerts presented the state of advancement of the study and the remaining challenges to be addressed. Six national contributions had been analysed at the first meeting held in December 2008, which focused mainly on the intervention phase. Identification of risks and prevention issues will be addressed at the forthcoming meeting of the group. A contribution from Cyprus had been recently received and the group welcomed any further contribution to enrich the analysis. In order to diffuse the collected data, Ms. Bernaerts suggested to publish it on the ISPU website.

The Chair stressed the importance of the work of this group on legislation for the Permanent Correspondents but several delegates regretted not having received the questionnaire: the Secretariat confirmed that it was sent in 2007 to all Centres and to all Permanent Correspondents but a reminder will be sent to them shortly.

5.3 *New electronic tools for co-operation*

The Secretariat presented two new web-based initiatives to promote the discussion between Permanent Correspondents and Centres and to provide a tool for the general public.

- **Internal Discussion forum**

On many occasions, the lack of discussion tools available to Centres and Permanent Correspondents had been emphasized by the latter. In order to facilitate such an exchange of views, the Secretariat proposed a new tool based on discussion fora around the existing thematic groups. This tool, purely internal to the Agreement, aims to complement the Internet website which will be devoted primarily to diffusing information to a more general public. As a first step, no moderation will be introduced as the access to the fora is limited to registered users: a password will be sent to each Permanent Correspondent to enable them access.

- **Inventory on post graduate courses on major risks issues**

The Secretariat informed the participants that the ongoing inventory on existing risk related master courses in the European and Mediterranean zone has been transformed into a database shortly available to all Internet users. It will allow them to search already identified courses but also to enrich it through submissions of missing national curricula in the field. This project could consequently greatly benefit from the collaboration of Permanent Correspondents to identify such curricula in their countries or at least point out contact persons. After a first European Day organized in Paris in 2008 (an initiative supported by both the Council of Europe and UNESCO), a 2nd Conference on Risk Training in November 2009 will promote co-operation among existing training courses.

A list of the main forthcoming events can be found in Appendix 2.

6 INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES

- **Development of the network of European national platforms for disaster risk reduction**

The Executive Secretary briefly recalled the results of the March meeting of National Platforms in Bonn. Several proposals, including education and impact of climate change, emerged from this meeting. The conclusions will be circulated as soon as finalized. He proposed to invite the National Platforms on a regular basis to the technical meetings of the Agreement: they have an interesting network of expertise (often complementary to the one within our Network) and such participation also allows to liaise with non-member countries.

The Lebanese delegate remarked that the Agreement can help to correct the often erroneous assessment of governments of the work of National Platforms, tending to forget their main think tank role. In line with this, the Armenian delegate proposed a common letter with ISDR to support the creation of new National Platforms but the ISDR representative recalled that such commitment is already adopted by more than 100 countries within the Hyogo Framework of Action. Taking this into account, the Executive Secretary proposed that the Committee simply recalled this fact in its conclusions.

The Moroccan delegate recalled that Morocco holds the presidency of the Arab Bureau of Civil Protection and Rescue (including 37 countries) and proposed that it could co-operate with EUR-OPA on common topics through a Memorandum of Understanding. The Executive Secretary welcomed the proposal as a means of reinforcing the Mediterranean side of the Agreement and suggested to invite the Arab Bureau to present their activities to the next meeting of Permanent Correspondents.

- **Participation in the Second ISDR Global Platform (Geneva, Switzerland, 16-19 June 2009)**

The ISDR representative recalled the forthcoming meeting of the Global Platform, which is convened every two years to assess the achievements implemented within the Hyogo Framework of Action. Jointly with the Executive Secretary, Permanent Correspondents were encouraged to communicate the composition of their national delegation as soon as possible, all useful information being available on the ISDR website. She also thanked the

countries and the EUR-OPA Secretariat for their contributions to the report on European advancement which will be published in June.

At the Global Platform, the EUR-OPA Agreement should present the key message stemming from the report's conclusions, an active participation which confirms the ongoing co-operation between ISDR and the Agreement to identify both the remaining drawbacks but also the achievements in the domain of Disaster Risk Reduction in Europe. The UNESCO representative informed that they will also be involved in two panel meetings on school safety and hospital safety.

- **Regional co-operation opportunities in the Black Sea Basin offered by the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument Cross-Border Cooperation Programmes 2007-2013 in the field of major hazards and risk mitigation**

The Romanian delegate informed that his country is leading several EU projects involving Black Sea Basin regions. The wider one supports light projects that can include coordination and co-operation in case of man-made and natural hazards. Each project, with a clear cross-border impact, has to involve at least 1 EU member country, Turkey and 1 EU non-member country (and up to 10 partners). The Joint Project Romania-Moldova-Ukraine allows for larger projects, needs 1 Romanian partner and at least one partner from the other two countries, and can also support emergency preparedness. Finally, the Romania-Bulgaria project, which wishes to transform the Danube river into a prosperity area, can support efficient risk management promotion in cross-border areas.

He emphasized that the network of Centres can rely on their 22 years of experience and should thus propose projects involving the Black Sea regional authorities. All participants welcomed this information as an example of alternative ways of financing initiatives launched by the Agreement. The Secretariat suggested that such information and in particular the website with all details be communicated to it in order to ensure its diffusion.

7 PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF 2010 ACTIVITIES

- **General discussion on the 2010 Ministerial Session**

The Russian delegate read the letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by Mr. S.K. SHOIGU, Minister of the Russian Federation for Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters (EMERCOM of Russia) announcing the holding of the 12th Ministerial Session of the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement in Russia in 2010.

The Executive Secretary thanked Mr. Shoygu for his kind offer and highlighted its importance due to Russia's wide experience in the field. He emphasized that the Session will be in mid term of the Hyogo Framework of Action and invited the Permanent Correspondents to contribute with ideas to be included on the agenda of the Ministerial Session. The Chair, on behalf of the whole Committee, reiterated his thanks to the Russian Federation and encouraged the Permanent Correspondents to actively contribute to the preparation of the Ministerial Session.

- **Ideas for the preparation of the 2010 Programme of Activities**

Most of the discussion focalized on the preparatory work for the Ministerial Session. The Executive Secretary proposed to keep the philosophy of the successful Marrakech Session: to insist on its political content to attract the interest of Ministers and to organize sessions where Ministers do not simply pronounce formal speeches. The Secretariat will check with the Permanent Correspondents the relevant Ministries to be invited in keeping with the usual procedures of the Council of Europe for this type of event.

The Russian delegate proposed to promote new strategic approaches for the future and to identify a concrete project to be launched at the Session: he called for proposals from other Permanent Correspondents in both cases. The Armenian delegate, who supported the principle of round tables during the Session, insisted on the need to include transboundary co-operation as one of its major topics. The Belgian delegate also proposed to highlight the human rights aspects of the domain.

On more practical grounds, several delegates requested that the invitations be sent sufficiently in advance and that they be informed on concrete achievements of the Agreement to ensure the participation of Ministers, who will be invited to communicate on their preferred topic. As Belgium holds the EU presidency during the 2nd semester of 2010, the Secretariat will coordinate with the Belgian authorities to avoid that other planned EU meetings limit the participation in the Ministerial Session.

In line with the request for greater visibility of the event, the possibility of summarizing the past achievements of the Agreement in the perspective of the forthcoming Ministerial Session was re-discussed. As pointed out by both the Belgian and Russian delegates, the Ministers and the general public could greatly benefit from such a general presentation of the achievements by topics since the last Ministerial Session. This work will be a major issue in the Programme of Activities for 2010 to be discussed at the next meeting of the Committee.

- **Initiative on a “European and Mediterranean Ethics Charter on Resilience to Major Disasters”**

Stemming from a French proposal to define a framework stating general guidelines on people’s rights in case of disaster and particularly for those with disabilities, the Executive Secretary pointed out its pertinence to the human rights vocation of the Council of Europe. The French delegate proposed that such free commitment on ethical matters could be transformed into a larger international effort which could be completed by practical measures, such as those to be identified by the ECFF Athens Centre during its planned seminar.

The Committee supported this initiative and instructed the Secretariat to take the necessary steps to develop it. The Executive Secretary proposed as a first step to have a group of experts gather information on existing elements in national legislations and in practice.

8 DRAFT RESPONSES TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE

Mr. Fernandez-Galiano recalled that the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe regularly issues recommendations on specific topics asking for related action from the competent entities within the Council of Europe.

- **Draft Recommendation 1862 (2009) – “Migrations and displacements induced by environmental factors: a challenge for the 21st century”**

In the draft response to the recommendation on migrations and displacements induced by environmental factors, the Secretariat proposed to emphasise more the prevention aspect (see point 4 of the draft response) and the reference to the future work of the Agreement on ethical issues related to disaster management was supported by the participants. After the introduction of a few amendments, the Committee adopted the final response (see appendix 3) to be addressed to the Parliamentary Assembly.

- **Draft Recommendation 1863 (2009) - “Environment and health: better prevention of environment-related health hazards”**

Regarding this recommendation, the Secretariat proposed to simply take note of it as the Agreement’s programme of activities has always limited itself to emergency medicine issues (see appendix 4). At the suggestion of the Armenian delegate to send it to the Centres for possible proposals, the Secretariat pointed out that the expected answer from the Committee should be a political one. Nevertheless, the Executive Secretary asked the Permanent Correspondents to send any additional comment on this topic to the Secretariat before the 30th June.

9 OTHER BUSINESS

The Executive Secretary informed that a written confirmation of the accession of Serbia to the Agreement had been sent to the Secretariat: it should shortly be made official by a letter addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

Colonel Nardin, from the French Civil Protection, informed on the latest data relating to the Aquila earthquake, which revealed 300 victims and 70.000 homeless. The Italian authorities did not require intervention support but had accepted logistical support from France for homeless people. The representative from the Council of Europe Development Bank recalled that one of their missions is to assist victims of natural disasters by providing loans to member countries: Italy would be eligible to financing following this tragic earthquake.

10 DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held in Dubrovnik (Croatia) on 15 - 16 October 2009.

11 ANNEXES

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Annex 2**List of forthcoming meetings**

Date	Title	Place
28-29 April	Thematic Group on Awareness and Education to Risk at School Level (BE-SAFE-NET)	Paphos (Cyprus)
14-16 May	International workshop on climate change and cultural heritage	Ravello (Italy)
11-12 June	Thematic group on legislative aspects of risk: analysis of the role of local and regional authorities in major hazard management	Paris (France)
16-19 June	2 nd session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction	Geneva (Switzerland)
7-11 September	International master level course on climate change and cultural heritage	Strasbourg (France)
15-16 October	57 th meeting of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents	Dubrovnik (Croatia)
25-28 October	International workshop on climate change impact on water-related risks	Murcia (Spain)
9-10 November	2009 Euro-Mediterranean Risk Training Convention,	Paris (France)

Annex 3

Opinion of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents of the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA)
on
RECOMMENDATION 1862 (2009) of the Parliamentary Assembly on
“Environmentally induced migration and displacement: a 21st century challenge”

After careful examination of Parliamentary Assembly Recommendation 1862 at its meeting in Paris on 6-7 April 2009, the Committee of Permanent Correspondents of the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA):

1. Shares the concern of the Parliamentary Assembly concerning environmentally induced migration.
2. Notes that major hazards (floods, drought, epidemics, and climate change related events) are a fundamental cause of environmentally induced migration and that risks are increasing due to environmental degradation, population growth and climate change.
3. Notes that the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) sees climate change as a phenomenon likely to increase risks to people's life and property, to environment, and cultural heritage due to the increase of extreme weather related events (floods, drought, heat waves) and other hazards such as marine risks, forest fires or geomorphological risks; furthermore, notes that in this context, the Agreement is also working on ideas on how to improve preparedness and resilience of societies to these issues. It also encourages States to include disaster risk reduction in climate change adaptation policies and in climate change negotiations.
4. Supports a more decisive role of the Council of Europe on the prevention of environmental degradation and on disaster risk reduction.
5. Encourages Council of Europe States to take a more pro-active approach to victims of natural and man-made disasters, particularly people displaced by environmental problems, and to improve preparedness of societies, both in Europe and in other regions.
6. Notes that the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA) will work on the possibility of a European and Mediterranean Ethics Charter on resilience to major disasters aiming at improving preparedness and dealing with ethical problems concerning victims of disasters including environmental refugees.

Annex 4**RECOMMENDATION 1863 (2009) of the Parliamentary Assembly****on****“Environment and health: better prevention of environment-related health hazards”**

At its 1052nd meeting (25 March 2009), the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe examined Recommendation 1863 (2009) adopted by the Standing Committee acting on behalf of the Parliamentary Assembly on 13 March 2009.

The Deputies decided to bring it to the attention of their governments and agreed to communicate it, amongst other bodies, to the European and Mediterranean Major Hazards Agreement (EUR-OPA), for information and possible comments by 30 June 2009.

As this Recommendation concerns health matters which do not fall within the expertise of the Agreement, which only deals in its working programmes with disaster medicine, the Committee of Permanent Correspondents is requested to take note of Recommendation 1863 (2009).