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-Resolution n° 5 "The 10 years of activity of the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement"

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**Resolutions unanimously adopted*

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RESOLUTION n° 5**ON THE 10 YEARS OF ACTIVITY OF THE
EUR-OPA MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT****The Ministers**

Considering that the main aim of the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement is to secure closer co-operation on prevention of, protection against and organisation of relief in major natural and technological disasters between the member States:

Welcome the fact that the Agreement is provided with Rules of Procedure precisely defining:

-the methods of functioning

- .of the Committee of Permanent Correspondents of the Agreement
- .of the "Programme" Sub-Committee
- .of the "Audit" Sub-Committee

-the role of the Presidency of the Agreement and of the Executive Secretary:

Welcome the setting up of a European network of Specialised Centres of the Agreement comprising the European Centres, the Euro-Mediterranean Centres, the Associate European Centres (see appendix for the list of the Centres as at 24.11.97):

Welcome the existence of a Medium Term Plan defining the priority areas of activity of the European network of Specialised Centres of the Agreement:

Request that the efforts to rationalise the operation and budget of the Agreement be continued:

Wish to support the policy engaged within the EUR-OPA Major Hazards Agreement aiming to concert all actions undertaken within its framework with the European institutions, in particular the European Commission, the European Space Agency and the international organisations such as UNESCO, the World Health Organisation, the Department for Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations. This policy has in particular been implemented within the framework of the specific programmes:

- .the FORM-OSE Programme (Training in Western Europe, South of the Mediterranean, Eastern Europe in the field of risk sciences)
- .the STRIM Programme (European Programme on the use of space techniques for major risks management).
- .the Programme on Communication and Information:

Instruct the Committee of Permanent Correspondents to prepare an information document in 1998 on all the activities carried out by the Agreement during its first ten years and on the programmes planned for 1999; that document could be presented during national and international events organised in the various countries, for example the international exhibition on the management of emergency situations in Russia in 1998, etc.

The Ministers expressed their gratitude to the Executive Secretariat for the work accomplished over the last ten years.

APPENDIX**EUROPEAN NETWORK OF SPECIALISED CENTRES OF THE AGREEMENT****EUROPEAN CENTRES**

GEMEC - European Centre for Disaster Medicine (San-Marino)

CUEBC - European University Centre for the Cultural Heritage (Ravello, Italy)

AFEM - European Natural Disasters Training Centre (Ankara, Turkey)

ECPFE - European Centre on Prevention and forecasting of Earthquakes (Athens, Greece)

EMSC - European Mediterranean Seismological Centre (Bruyères-le-Châtel, France)

GESG - European Centre for Seismic and Geomorphological Hazards (Strasbourg, France)

EGGS - European Centre for Geodynamics and Seismology (Walferdange, Luxembourg)

ICoD - Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Insular Coastal Dynamics (Valletta, Malta)

OOE - Monaco Scientific Centre, European Oceanological Observatory (Monaco)

European Centre of New Technologies for the Management of Natural and Technological Major Hazards (Moscow, Russian Federation)

ISPU - Higher Institute of Emergency Planning (Florival, Belgium)

CEISE - European Centre for Research into Techniques for Informing the Population in Emergency Situations (Madrid, Spain)

ASSOCIATE EUROPEAN CENTRES OR ASSOCIATE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN CENTRES

Associate European Interregional Educational Centre for Training Rescuers (Yerevan, Armenia)

Associate European Centre on Geodynamical Risks of High Dams (Tbilisi, Georgia)

Associate European Centre on Training and Information of local and Regional Authorities and Population in the field of Natural and Technological Disasters (Baku, Azerbaijan)

Associate Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Evaluation and Prevention of Seismic Risk (Rabat, Morocco)

Associate European Centre for School level Training on Risk Prevention (Sofia, Bulgaria)

Associate Euro-Mediterranean Centre for Arid Zones (Ksar Chellala, Algeria)

Associate European Centre of Technological Safety, TESEG, (Kiev, Ukraine)

Associate European Centre for the Vulnerability of Industrial Installations and Infrastructures, (Skopje, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)

Associate European Centre for Urban Risks, (Lisbon, Portugal)