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### Adoption of the report of the Committee on its fifty-second session

## Draft report

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### Addendum

## Proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015

(Item 3 (b))

### Programme 23

#### Humanitarian assistance

1. At its 16th meeting, on 13 June 2012, the Committee considered programme 23, Humanitarian assistance, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015 (A/67/6 (Prog. 23)).
2. The Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

#### Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the work of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, in particular for its response to crises and for the improved effectiveness of its coordination role.
4. Appreciation was expressed for the existence of the Central Emergency Response Fund in providing funding for projects for rapid response and for projects related to underfunded crises.
5. It was noted that paragraph 23.2 referred to the strengthening of climate change adaptation through a sound disaster risk reduction approach. Clarification was sought regarding the background for inclusion of climate change policies under

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programme 23, Humanitarian assistance, and regarding the intergovernmental mandate on which it was based.

6. Under subprogramme 1, Policy and analysis, clarification was sought with regard to the training of resident and humanitarian coordinators.

7. With regard to subprogramme 2, Coordination of humanitarian action and emergency response, the view was expressed that the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement were in line with the objective. Clarification was sought regarding the changes in indicators of achievement.

8. As to subprogramme 3, Natural disaster reduction, clarification was sought with regard to changes in the strategy and the role of United Nations agencies in the formulation and implementation of the disaster risk reduction strategy, and regarding the change in formulation of the first indicator.

9. Clarification was also sought regarding support provided to Governments by the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction to accomplish increased national capacities for post-disaster recovery planning, which would be evidenced by (a) the increased number of post-disaster needs assessments produced by Governments and (b) the increased number of countries incorporating disaster risk reduction activities into post-disaster recovery planning and operations.

10. Clarification was sought with regard to the coordination mechanism in place to avoid duplication in disaster risk reduction and recovery programmes and projects.

11. Views were expressed in support of the overall objective under subprogramme 5, Humanitarian emergency information and advocacy.

#### **Conclusions and recommendations**

12. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 23, Humanitarian assistance, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2014-2015, subject to the following modifications:**

##### **Subprogramme 1 Policy and analysis**

###### *Expected accomplishments*

**Replace expected accomplishment (b) with: “Improved operational planning, monitoring and accountability of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs during disasters and emergency situations, including the transitional phase from relief to development”.**

##### **Subprogramme 3 Natural disaster reduction**

###### *Indicators of achievement*

**Indicator of achievement (b) (i) should read: “Increased number of United Nations-supported post-disaster needs assessments produced by national Governments”.**