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FIFTH GLOBAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION TO BE
HELD IN CANCUN, MEXICO ON 22-26 MAY 2017

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1. The purpose of this note is to bring to the attention of the Secretary-General that the Fifth Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction will take place in Cancun, Mexico, from 24-26 May 2017 (with 22-23 May as preparatory and consultation days).
2. Hosted by the Government of Mexico with the support of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), the 2017 Global Platform will be the first global meeting on disaster risk reduction following the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction and the adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction. It represents as such the first opportunity to review progress in implementing the Sendai Framework priorities and global targets. This will also be the first time that the Global Platform will be hosted outside Geneva.
3. His Excellency President Enrique Peña Nieto of Mexico has made a national announcement on Mexico's commitment to hosting the Global Platform, and his personal commitment to participate. Their Excellencies Miguel Ruiz Cabañas Izquierdo, Vice-Minister for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights; Luis Felipe Puente Espinosa, National Coordinator for Civil Protection; and Mr. Roberto Borge Angulo, Governor of the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico, were present in Geneva to further highlight this commitment to Member States at an ISDR Support Group meeting on 18 March 2016.
4. The Global Platform is recognized by the General Assembly as the main biennial global forum for strategic advice, coordination, partnership development and the review of progress in the implementation of the Sendai Framework. Previous Global Platforms' success lies in the multi-stakeholder nature of the discussions – bringing together governments, private sector, science and civil society and securing their commitment to practical action. UNISDR remains committed to ensuring the same for the Fifth Global Platform.

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Note to Mr. Mulet

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Secretary-General.



Robert Glasser
24 March 2016

5. The deliberations of the 2017 Global Platform are expected to contribute to the 2017 session of the High Level Political Forum for Sustainable Development.
6. The participation of the Secretary-General at the meeting will be extremely important. In the run up to the meeting, the Secretary-General's advocacy – through key messaging delivered in his speeches, bilateral meetings, and media engagements – will also be critical to encouraging countries to take stock of progress in implementing the Sendai Framework as well as securing high-level participation for the Global Platform. My office and I stand ready to support the Secretary-General in this endeavor, and I propose that my office submit a plan for the Secretary-General's review in this regard.
7. My office and I will provide regular updates to the Secretary-General on the preparations towards the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Glasser', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Glasser
24 March 2016