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**TALKING POINTS FOR VISIT TO OCHA EMERGENCY
RELIEF COORDINATION CENTRE**

Geneva, 17 June 2014

12:30

**Mr. Rashid Khalikov, Director, OCHA Geneva;
Mr. Rudolph Muller, Deputy Director, OCHA Geneva and
Chief, Emergency Services Branch;
Dear Colleagues here in Geneva and around the world,**

**First of all, thank you to OCHA-Geneva and the crisis
centres participating by VTC.**

**My wife and I are extremely proud to accept your invitation
to become honorary members of the United Nations
Assessment and Coordination Team – which is a true
symbol of the world coming together in times of crises.**

I plan to use this personal kit on my next visit to the Security Council!

Efficient coordination is critical to ensuring a successful international humanitarian response to disasters and emergencies.

But that coordination is only as effective as those who take part.

The Emergency Relief Coordination Centre is a crucial resource for bringing all relevant actors together in a joint global effort.

I am pleased that emergency managers from across the UN family and beyond are prepared and equipped to meet in real time, share information and coordinate.

I have seen the results of your work in visits to many troubled areas around the world. I have seen the difference you are making in the lives of people.

I know you are working to further strengthen those efforts.

I thank all of you for taking the time today, and for setting up this simulation, that illustrates the value of partnerships, preparedness and cooperation.

Once again, thank you for your contribution in support of the United Nations, the international humanitarian community, and most especially, people in need around the world.

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