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## **Draft Outcomes – 10<sup>th</sup> Senior Disaster Management Officials Forum 2016**

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## **OUTCOMES**

- The Tenth APEC Senior Disaster Management Officials Forum (SDMOF) was held in Iquitos, Peru on October 8–9, 2016. The forum was participated by senior disaster management officials and delegates from 53 APEC member economies of Australia, China, Japan, Peru, Philippines, Chinese Taipei, United States and Vietnam, ABAC Representative and 2 (two) international organizations of World Food Programme, International Civil Defense Organization.
- 2. The theme of the 10<sup>th</sup> APEC SDMOF was "Emergency Preparedness for Supply Chain and Emergency Food Security", in line with APEC 2016 big theme of "Quality Growth to Promote Human Development" as well as one of the APEC 2016 priorities with regard to food security and "Enhancing Regional Food Market". The meeting was officially opened by the Honorable Mr. Alberto Manuel Lozada Frias, Head of National Institute of Civil Defense (INDECI) and Mrs. Adela Esmeralda Jimenez, Provincial Municipality of Maynas.
- 3. The meeting welcomed the work done by APEC Fora to develop the APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan coordinated by the Emergency Preparedness Working Group (EPWG). The development of this Action Plan was instructed by the APEC Leaders to the Ministers in 2015 as a guidance for implementation of the APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Framework (DRRF) to address the "new normal". This Action Plan also intended as the mechanism that will encourage individual economies to develop specific, measurable, and timed contributions in building disaster-resilient economies supporting inclusive and sustainable development in the face of the new normal. The meeting endorse the Action Plan and agreed to submit this Action Plan to the Ministers for their consideration.
- 4. The meeting further called upon the EPWG to strengthen cross fora collaboration in particular to implement the APEC Disaster Risk Reduction Action Plan, as this is an APEC wide document and cut across all areas of APEC agenda such as, but not limited to science and technology, information and telecommunication, energy, financing for disaster risk management, trade and investment, health, gender, food security, human resources development, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- 5. The meeting also agreed that Asia Pacific Region is still exposed to an ever increasing number of disasters that pose risk to the regional economy and the wellbeing of the people. In that regard, the meeting recalled that in 2015 the APEC Economic Leaders declared the phenomenon as the "new normal" the increasing frequency, magnitude and scope of natural disasters, and the resultant disruption on the increasingly integrated and interlinked production and supply chains.
- 6. The meeting took note that those disasters that we describe as "new normal" threaten food security of the most vulnerable populations as well as hinder trade and create challenges of different scope such as losses in livelihoods, diseases and food scarcities.

- 7. The meeting affirmed that addressing the daily food needs of the most vulnerable in a disaster is essential to ensure rapid recovery. This translates into ensure that nutritious food is available or accessible to people so that they have daily meals during the initial stages of a disaster.
- 8. In this regard, the meeting recognized the importance of ensuring the preparedness of APEC economies to take actions focusing on systems and mechanisms that provide emergency food security for vulnerable or affected population, while commending the efforts of the APEC economies in enhancing preparedness actions toward emergency food security in disaster management.
- 9. The meeting also recognized the importance of public-private partnership in meeting the daily food needs in a disaster. This partnership can play an important role in ensuring food supply chain resiliency including food industry business continuity. For instance the transport sector, the fuel sector, even the financial and telecommunications can contribute to this resilience and continuity.
- 10. The meeting committed to undertake consultations within respective governments to explore scope for addressing food needs of the most vulnerable in emergencies through one, if not all of the following: enhance used of social protection systems, enhance supply chain management with a focus on addressing food assists needs, explore disaster insurance mechanisms for improved food security in disasters and explore private public partnerships for addressing emergency food needs.
- 11. Finally, the meeting expressed their sincere gratitude and appreciation to Peru for their hospitality in hosting and organizing the 10<sup>th</sup> Senior Disaster Management Official Forum (SDOMF), and the meeting look forward to further discussion and elaborate the work on emergency preparedness and disaster management during Viet Nam's hosting of APEC 2017.