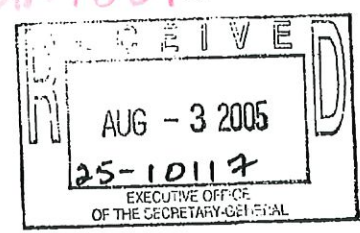


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Note To Mark Malloch Brown

**DRAFT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S REPORT ON
"IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR
DISASTER REDUCTION"**

1. For your review and approval, please find attached the draft report of the Secretary-General on "Implementation of the International Strategy For Disaster Reduction". The report has been prepared pursuant to General Assembly Resolutions 59/231 and 59/232 of 22 February 2005.
2. The report provides an overview of the implementation of the Strategy and the follow-up to the World Conference on Disaster Reduction, Kobe, Hyogo, 18-22 January, 2005 (A/CONF.206/6). It summarizes the essential elements of the Hyogo Framework for Action and gives an account of the follow-up actions under the ISDR by the Inter-Agency Task Force on Disaster Reduction, the inter-agency secretariat of the ISDR, national and regional entities and international organizations. It contains a section on disasters associated to natural hazards and vulnerability, to highlight the role of disaster risk reduction as an essential policy tool to reduce vulnerability and reach the goals set out in the Millennium Declaration. It also reports on the advancements of the early warning systems following the Indian Ocean tsunami of 26 December 2004, and early warning survey, as requested in the SG report In Larger freedom.
3. Based on recent evaluations and the recommendations by the World Conference, it also contains a proposal for enabling the ISDR system to effectively support the implementation of the Hyogo Framework. It proposes the establishment of a Management Oversight Board to advise and support the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, a modified task force reformed into a Global Platform for Disaster Reduction, with a subsidiary Programme Advisory Committee, and a strengthened ISDR secretariat to service the system at all levels.
4. I would like to draw your attention to the recommendations contained in the last chapter of the reporting, in particular on the call for strengthening the ISDR system.
5. The report has been prepared following consultations with the members of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Disaster Reduction.
6. I would like to thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

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