

**COOPERATION AGREEMENT ON THE  
REGIONAL INTEGRATED MULTI-HAZARD EARLY WARNING SYSTEM  
FOR AFRICA AND ASIA REGION**

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**Agreement on the Cooperation for Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Afro-Asian Region**

The Governments of Africa and Asian region, Republic of INDIA, being equally desirous of cooperating in a constructive and mutually beneficial manner for establishing early warning arrangement for reducing disaster risk, and saving lives and property from natural disasters of geologic and hydro-meteorological origin, have resolved to conclude this Agreement setting forth the framework for cooperation acceptable to all parties hereto to accomplish these ends, and for that purpose have appointed as their respective plenipotentiaries:

Who, having communicated to each other their respective full powers and having found them in good and due form, have agreed to the following:

### **Chapter I. Preamble**

**RECALLING** the declarations of the special Association of South East Asian Nation Leaders' Meeting on the aftermath of the Earthquake and Tsunami held on 6 January 2005 in Jakarta to establish a regional early warning system, such as Regional Tsunami Early Warning Center in the Indian Ocean and the Southeast Asia region, and the Ministerial Meeting on Regional Cooperation on Tsunami Early Warning Arrangement on 29 January 2005 in Phuket to establish a Regional tsunami early warning arrangement within a multi-hazard context under the framework of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission,

**RECALLING** the commitment and the initiative of participating countries in establishing an end-to-end multi-hazard early warning system through the resolutions of the Regional Meeting on End-to-end Multi-Hazard Early Warning System Southeast Asia: Assessment of Needs (28-29 March 2005, Bangkok), Meeting on Regional Cooperation on Early Warning Arrangement, Preparedness and Mitigation of Natural Hazards (12-14 July 2006, Bangkok), and the Regional Workshop on Multi-Hazard End-to-End Early Warning System, (17-21 April 2007, Mauritius),

**RECALLING** the resolution of the 1st Regional Steering Committee Meeting (25 January 2008, Bangkok) for participating countries to take ownership and responsibility to sustain the regional early warning arrangements by mobilizing resources and setting up institutional mechanisms to ensure sustainability of the system,

**RECALLING** the interest and willingness of the Governments of Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Comoros, China, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Lao PDR, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Seychelles, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, and Yemen, to participate in the regional early warning arrangements,

**RECALLING** the arrangements established with the University of Hawaii Sea Level Center under the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, and the World Meteorological Organization to provide support and collaborate with the regional early warning arrangement,

**RECALLING** the collaborative arrangement with the Government of China through the China Meteorological Administration and China Earthquake Administration, Government of India through the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, Government of the Philippines through the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration and the Philippine Institute of Volcanology & Seismology, for assisting participating countries in the region,

