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To:

Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction
Almaty

Subject: Cooperation between UNDP and the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction in Almaty

Dear Mr. Petrov,

On behalf of the UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub (hereinafter referred to as *UNDP*), I would like to extend to you my sincere regards.

Through this letter, UNDP expresses its readiness to cooperate and engage with the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction in Almaty (hereinafter referred to as the *Center*) with the aim of carrying out joint, coordinated activities and strengthening the capacity of various stakeholders in the region in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response, in the following key areas:

- development and improvement of organizational and legal frameworks, institutional foundations, mechanisms, strategies, policies, and practices for disaster and emergency risk management;
- capacity-building of experts and specialists through specialized training sessions, consultations, seminars, workshops, training courses, and other relevant activities;
- development and strengthening of national and regional platforms, forums, and dialogues on disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response;
- development and implementation of joint international programs and projects in the field of disaster risk reduction and emergency situations;
- improvement and practical implementation of methodological materials, unified terminology, and standardized formats;
- assessment of underlying risk factors and identification of potential socio-economic impacts in case of their occurrence, introduction of international monitoring systems and networks, and enhancement of early warning and mutual notification systems related to

emergency risks;

- raising public awareness of disaster risks faced by populations and the necessary safety measures;
- establishment and development of information databases and improvement of systems for data collection, processing, storage, protection, analysis, and information exchange;
- other areas of cooperation of mutual interest.

We also recognize that the foundations of this cooperation include UNDP's well-established practical experience in the design and implementation of projects in disaster management and climate risk governance aimed at strengthening national and community resilience, as well as the Center's expert knowledge in disaster risk management.

For the implementation of the above activities, we are prepared to regularly inform and consult with the Center on joint issues that may lead to new areas of cooperation.

In conclusion, I would like to express my confidence that close cooperation and interaction between the Center in Almaty and the UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub will contribute to the sustainable development of the countries of the region.

Yours sincerely,

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Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction

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Dear Mr. Vrbensky,

The Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction in Almaty (hereinafter referred to as the *Center*) presents its compliments to you.

By this letter, the Center proposes cooperation with the UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub (hereinafter referred to as the *UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub*) with the aim of carrying out joint, coordinated activities and strengthening the capacity of various stakeholders in the region in the field of disaster risk reduction, emergency prevention, and response, in the following key areas:

- development and improvement of organizational and legal frameworks, institutional foundations, mechanisms, strategies, policies, and practices for disaster and emergency risk management;
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- raising public awareness of disaster risks faced by populations and the necessary safety measures;
- establishment and development of information databases and improvement of systems for data collection, processing, storage, protection, analysis, and information exchange;
- other areas of cooperation of mutual interest.

The starting points for this cooperation are considered to be UNDP's recognized practical experience in developing and implementing projects in disaster management and climate risk governance aimed at strengthening national and community resilience, as well as the Center's expert knowledge in disaster risk management.

For the implementation of the above-mentioned activities, the Center and the UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub intend to regularly inform and consult each other on joint matters that may lead to new areas of cooperation.

In conclusion, please allow me to express confidence that close cooperation and interaction between the Center and the UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub will contribute to improving public safety and promoting sustainable development in the countries of the region.

Yours sincerely,

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