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**ITEM 9: DISASTER MANAGEMENT SUPPORT**

**STATEMENT BY GREECE**

Mr Chair,

Distinguished colleagues,

Greece, through the Hellenic Ministry of Digital Governance, the entity of the Greek Government authorized for the digital transformation of the country, recognizes the value and applauds the effort of the UN in the development of technological infrastructure and innovative technologies for accurate preparedness, fast response and finally the impactful recovery for natural disasters.

In this context, the General Secretariat of Telecommunications and Post (GSTP) who has been assigned the mission of the telecommunications infrastructures, networks and services, recognizes the enormous importance of the UN-SPIDER project and confirms its particular interest in cooperating with this program, to support the efforts of the country and the UN in general for a full disaster management cycle.

In addition, Greece has accelerated its satellite program with the development of a system of micro-satellites – which will be put into operation within the next 4 years – and its active participation in all corresponding international and European organizations. It is in the process of developing a National platform of Internet of Things and network of sensors, which is expected to be completed by Q2 2023, which will act as the National IoT base for public and privately developed IoT infrastructures and applications and will/can serve as the information and control platform for improved civil protection management capabilities, among others.

Beyond national initiatives, GSTP is actively participating and contributing in related international and European initiatives, for the use of AI for Natural Disaster Management; and the participation in EU-funded calls, such as for the development of methods for the exploitation of extreme data and knowledge; and the planned application of the outcomes for Natural Disaster Management by the interconnection of all related actors in the country.

Thank you Mr Chair.