

## **MODEL PLEDGES ON STRENGTHENING DISASTER LAWS**

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*The following model elements are proposed for joint pledges by Governments and National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies on the disaster laws component of the 31st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent. These are, of course, only suggestions, and Governments and National Societies are free to develop their own pledges related to these topics (including individual pledges, if they prefer).*

*As set out in the “Guidelines for Pledging” adopted by the Standing Commission on 22 March 2011, any such pledges should:*

- *Relate to the objectives and issues addressed by the Conference*
- *Preferably promote partnerships between participants that involve joint action and shared goals*
- *Be action-oriented, measurable and time-bound (objectives to be reached in the period 2012-2015)*
- *Be reasonably short (maximum 10 lines).*

### **JOINT DISASTER LAWS PLEDGE – GENERAL**

The Government and National Red Cross/Red Crescent Society of \_\_\_\_\_ pledge to confer regularly between the 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> International Conferences of the Red Cross and Red Crescent on issues related to disaster laws. Through this consultation, the National Red Cross/Red Crescent Society of \_\_\_\_\_ pledges to provide the Government with the full benefit of its experience and advice as needed to support the Government’s efforts to improve and strengthen its legal and policy frameworks.

### **JOINT DISASTER LAWS PLEDGES – SPECIFIC THEMES**

#### **1. Legal preparedness for international disaster response**

The Government and the National Red Cross / Red Crescent Society of \_\_\_\_\_ pledge to:

- Collaborate [over the next two years/four years] to [review/assess] domestic laws, procedures and institutional frameworks for international disaster response in light of the Guidelines on the Domestic Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance, in order to determine whether any elements can be strengthened.

or

- Collaborate [over the next two years/four years] in the development of [procedures/legislation/regulations] to better facilitate and regulate international disaster assistance [making reference, where relevant, to the Model Act for the Facilitation and Regulation of International Disaster Relief and Initial Recovery Assistance].

## **2. Enhancing disaster risk reduction through legislation**

The Government and National Red Cross / Red Crescent Society of \_\_\_\_\_ pledge to collaborate [over the next two years/four years] to [review/assess] the effectiveness of existing legislation in promoting disaster risk reduction activities at the community level and in empowering communities to become involved.

## **3. Addressing regulatory barriers to emergency and transitional shelter**

The Government and National Red Cross / Red Crescent Society of \_\_\_\_\_ pledge to collaborate [over the next two years/four years] to [review/assess] the potential regulatory challenges that might impede rapid and equitable shelter solutions to those displaced by natural disasters in their country and to promote dialogue on practical solutions.