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**Inter -American Network for Disasters Mitigation (INDM)**

Conclusions and Recommendations by the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies

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**of Costa Rica and Uruguay)**

The Inter-American Network For Disasters Mitigation (INDM) includes three elements: the Virtual Forum, the Hemisphere Encounters and the Online Database. The Online Database is the only government-authorized archive in the Western Hemisphere consisting of authoritative national information from member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) in the area of disaster mitigation.

The Committee on Partnership for Development Polices recommends the following:

1. The platform of the Database should continue to be upgraded to maximize its performance with current technology. The Database is in the process of being migrated to a newer platform which will facilitate access to information and immediate updating.
2. The OAS database should be visible, easily accessible and user friendly for OAS member states and its regional and international natural disaster management partners.
3. The Database should be named to ensure that it can be easily found on the OAS Website.
4. Continue to hold the Hemisphere Encounters when member states deem appropriate.
5. Encourage member states to register and update their national authority or focal points on natural disasters.
6. Encourage the Inter-American Defense Board (IADB) and the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) to continue their efforts to ensure that the information on the OAS Online Database is current and available to the natural disaster community.
7. Continue to strengthen cooperation with regional and international partners and encourage them to continue to contribute information, to the extent possible, in order to ensure that useful and critical information on natural disasters is maintained in the online database, for the benefit of all within the hemisphere.
8. Urge Member states to annually update their national information provided to SEDI and IADB for inclusion in the OAS Online Database on natural disaster.

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