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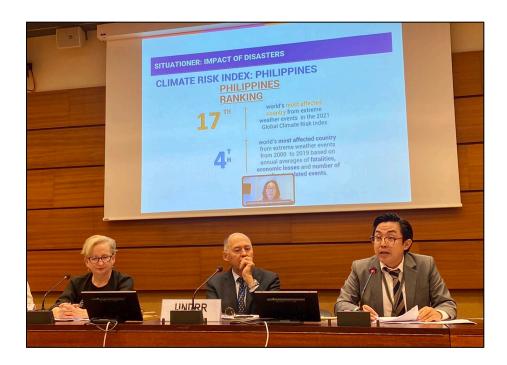
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## PHILIPPINES SHARES VISION TOWARDS BUILDING DISASTER RESILIENT COMMUNITIES



The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines, represented by Third Secretary Jet C. Olfato, delivered the Philippines' country presentation during the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Support Group Meeting held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland on 22 July 2022.

**22 July 2022, Geneva, Switzerland** – The Philippines featured its recent disaster risk resilience and management (DRRM) policies and programs, in line with its vision of developing safer, adaptive, and disaster resilient Filipino communities towards sustainable development, during the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Support Group Meeting held at the Palais des Nations.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines, represented by Humanitarian and Migration Expert Jet C. Olfato, updated the diplomatic corps on the country's DRRM governance and institutional foundations and mechanisms, anchored on the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 or Republic Act 10121. This legislation provides for and institutionalizes the National DRRM Plan and the National DRRM Framework, which are implemented by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC). The Philippines noted how these mechanisms

recognize the strong linkage between disaster risk resilience and climate change adaptation.

The Philippines emphasized its whole-of-society approach to DRRM, which involves empowering vulnerable communities, raising citizens' awareness, and enhancing inclusiveness of a wide-range of stakeholders. The Philippines shared how the country's DRRM aspirations are supported by innovation and digital transformation strategies, including the GeoRisk Philippines Initiative (GeoRiskPH), a mobile and web application that makes information on hazards and risk assessment accessible for both public and private sectors. **END**