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Dear Mr. Britto,

On behalf of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction in Europe and Central Asia I would like to personally express my gratitude for your contribution to the 2021 European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction held in Matosinhos, Portugal 24-26 November.

Your engagement was an important contribution to the success of the Forum and your expertise will be undoubtedly extremely valuable for all the stakeholders who participated virtually to the event.

The 2021 EFDRR welcomed over 1,200 participants from 65 countries (including 48 Member States from Europe and Central Asia). This participation will certainly set the foundation for strengthened action on disaster risk reduction.

I would like to also take this opportunity to share with you the outcome documents from the Forum:

- The EFDRR Roadmap 2021-2030 endorsed at the Ministerial Roundtable is available online [here](#)
- The EFDRR Chair's Summary is available [here](#)
- The Matosinhos Prevention Pledge is available [here](#)

All EFDRR sessions are also available in video on the Forum's [website](#) and through the UNDRR [YouTube channel](#). The proceedings of the Forum will be developed in the coming months.

I strongly hope that with the support of all participants and stakeholders the outcomes of the 2021 EFDRR will concretely support the implementation of the Sendai Framework. The Forum and the EFDRR Roadmap have built significant momentum. As we also look ahead to the 2022 Global Platform, it will be important now to turn words into action.

I look forward to continuing our cooperation on implementing the agreed outcomes and building resilience to disasters in Europe and Central Asia.

Yours sincerely,



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