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“ SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE DISASTER REDUCTION : IDNDR'S GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR NATIONAL STRATEGIES ON CIVIL PROTECTION “

AN ASSESMENT OF THE DECADE MUST BE BASED PRIMARILY ON THREE IMPORTANT SUBJECTS :

- GREAT CHALLENGES AND THE PHILOSOPHY THAT ORIGINATED THIS INICIATIVE.
- NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVMENTS OF THE DECADE
- ITS PROJECTION BEYOND THE MILLENIUM

THE DECADE, MUST BE UNDERSTOOD AS PART OF A CONTINUOS AND VITAL PROCESS BASED ON A 10 YEAR TERM CONCENTRATED EFFORT BUT, WITHOUT LOOSING THE PERSPECTIVE OF A PERMANENT ACTIVITY TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF SAFER WORLD .

THE DECADE HAS THEN PROVIDED A VALUABLE FRAMEWORK AND ITS OWN ROLE AS A VALUABLE CATALYST, SETTILING ON THE RESPONSABILITY OF THE OWN MEMBER STATES AND ITS MAIN ORGANIZATIONS , THE IMPORTANT TASK OF BUILDING A SOCIETY MEANING ON ITS ESSENCE, A REAL HERITAGE TO THE FUTURE GENERATIONS THAT COULD BE PART OF OUR PRIDE AS CITIZENS OF THIS WORLD OF GLOBAL AND ONGOING CHANGES.

IN CHILE, THAT CHALLENGE HAS BEEN EXPRESSED IN DEEP CHANGES AND INNOVATING POLICIES AND STATEGIES ALLOWING THE CONSOLIDATION OF A CONFIDABLE NATIONAL EMERGENCY SYSTEM AND WITH A CLEAR INTERNATIONAL PROJECTION.

CHILE HAS CARRIED OUT EVERYONE AND ALL THE PROGRAMS AND STRATEGIES OF THE DECADE AND IS PROUD IN ITS HUMBLE PERSPECTIVE OF BEEING PART OF THIS HUGE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT .

BETWEEN SEVERAL ACTIVITIES AND NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DECADE, WE MUST HIGHLIGHT :

- ON THE “**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT**” AGENDA : THREE INTERNATIONAL HIGH LEVEL CONFERENCES, ATTENDED BY EXPERTS OF ALL OVER THE WORLD AND OUR TOP AUTHORITIES, DEALIN WITH “DISASTERS, DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT”.
- ON THE “**VULNERABLE SECTORS**” AGENDA : THE NATIONAL SCHOOL SECURITY PLAN AGREED WITH THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, NATIONAL SEMINARS DEALING WITH THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN DISASTERS AND, SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH LEADERS OF MINORITIES AND INDIGENOUS ORGANIZATIONS.
- ON “**THE REINFORCEMENT OF LOCAL BASED CAPACITIES**” AGENDA : PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT PROGRAM AT A NATIONAL LEVEL AND WITH A HUGE IMPACT AND INTERNATIONAL ATENTION IS OUR “ NATIONAL RISK AND RESOURCES MICROZONIFICATION PROGRAM”, ORIENTED TO BUILD A STRONG SHARED RESPONSABILITY BETWEEN LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES. THIS PROGRAM IS PART OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN “ **ONEMI**”, THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY BUREAU OF THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR AND THE “ **ASOCIACION NACIONAL DE MUNICIPALIDADES** “ THAT GATHERS 350 COUNTIES IN CHILE WITH THE ONLY EXCEPTION OF 3 THAT WILL BE SOON ON THE ASSOCIATION.

THE PROGRAM IS BEING CONDUCTED CURRENTLY ON 100 COUNTIES WITH IMPRESSIVE IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR EMERGENCY PLANNING, LOCAL EMERGENCY TEAMS AND PERMANENT ACTIVITIES BASED ON NEW PROJECTS ORIENTED TOWARDS MITIGATION AND PREPAREDNESS.

■ **ON THE "REINFORCEMENT OF THE PUBLIC -PRIVATE COOPERATION" AGENDA :**

THE INCREASING NUMBER OF PRIVATE CORPORATIONS EMBODIED IN OUR PROGRAMS HAVE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES THAT OVERPASS OUR ASSIGNED BUDGET :

THE NATIONAL ANNUAL WINTER CAMPAIGN IS BASED ON A CONTRIBUTION OF ALMOST ALL THE CHILEAN MEDIA WITH SPACES ON RADIOS, NEWSPAPERS AND TV.

THE CURRENT INVITATION OF IBM CORPORATION TO BE PART OF THE "GLOBAL COALITION LEADERSHIP" ORIENTED TO WORLDWIDE ACTIVITIES ON BUSINESS PROTECTION AND BUSINESS CONTINUITY MUST BE ANALYZED ON THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE IMPORTANCE ON LABOUR'S WORLD OF THE CONTINUITY OF THEIR JOBS , SO IMPORTANT AS PART OF THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE SEVERELY AFFECTED ON EMERGENCIES OR DISASTER SITUATIONS.

■ **"CIVIL AND MILITARY COOPERATION" AGENDA :**

OUR FREQUENT EMERGENCY SCENARIOS , NATURAL OR MAN-MADE, HAVE PROVIDED AN ONGOING COOPERATION AND REINFORCEMENT OF THE COORDINATIONS THAT ARE PART OF THE CIVIL INSTITUTION MANDATE BUT ARE STRONGLY BASED ON CAPACITIES AND RESOURCES ,MANY OF THEM LOCATED UNDER MILITARY ADMINISTRATION.

■ **"RISK ON BIG CITIES" AGENDA :**

MORE AND BETTER EMERGENCY PLANNING ON OUR 13 CHILEAN REGIONS IS PART OF A NATIONAL EFFORT TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO ITS POPULATION AND VITAL LINES :

ANTOFAGASTA A NORTHERN CITY HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR THE "RADIUS" PROJECT.

IN 1997 WE ORGANIZED THE "I WORLD CONGRESS ON MARITIME AND PORT SAFETY" WITH IMO, UNEP/IE AND ORIENTED TO PROVIDE BETTER SAFETY STANDARDS TO OUR PORT CITIES.

■ **ON THE "ROLE OF THE MEDIA IN DISASTERS" AGENDA :**

TRAINING COURSES AND SEMINARS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT WITH OUR MAIN UNIVERSITY ORIENTED TOWARDS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE JOURNALIST AND MEDIAE OF THE CIVIL PROTECTION AND DISASTER REDUCTION MANAGEMENT.

CURRENTLY IS BEING ANALYZED AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE A PERMANENT DIPLOMA NEW AND A PH.D. WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CHILE.

■ **"NEW TECHNOLOGIES" AGENDA :**

WITH U.N. SPACE AGENCY, THE EUROPEAN SPACE PROGRAM , DHA, AND WITH OUR CHANCELLORY WE ORGANIZED THE " **FIRST INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS ON CIVIL PROTECTION OF SPACE TECHNOLOGY**" , THAS CURRENTLY HAS BEEN REPEATED IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES OF SOUTH AMERICA.

THE RECENT VISIT OF PRESIDENT CLINTON TO CHILE PROVIDED THE FRAMEWORK FOR "PACIS", A PROJECT TO BUILT A PAN-AMERICAN CLIMATE INFORMATION SYSTEM THAT IS BETTER EXPLAINED ON STC INFORMATION PAPER # 14.

■ **THE "WATER, TOO MUCH, TOO LITTLE" AGENDA :**

1997 WAS A DRAMATIC YEAR FOR OUR NATIONAL SYSTEM. THE "EL NIÑO" PHENOMENA PROVIDED 17 ONGOING DESTRUCTIVE FRONTS WITH HUGE DESTRUCTION OF ROADS, BRIDGES, AGRICULTURE IMPACT AND FORTUNATELY WITH LOW IMPACT IN HUMAN LOSSES. CHILEAN AUTHORITIES HAVE QUALIFIED THIS YEAR IN TERMS OF DESTRUCTIVE SCENARIOS, AS "THE WORST IN THE CENTURY".

■ **"EDUCATION AND TRAINING" AGENDA :**

OUR "FIVE YEAR TRAINING PLAN" HAS COMPLETED ITS THIRD YEAR BASED ON A THREE STAGE DESIGN : A) FOR TOP AUTHORITIES, B) FOR COORDINATORS AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEPENDANTS OF THE NATIONAL SYSTEM, AND C) FOR FIRST RESPONDERS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. THIS METHODOLOGIES HAVE BEEN PART OF OUR COLLABORATION WITH OFDA/AID TRAINING COURSES ON DISASTERS AND APPLIED NATIONWIDE ADAPTED TO OUR OWN KNOW-HOW AND WITH SEVERAL INNOVATIONS BASED ON THE EXPERIENCE WITH ON-FIELD AND HANDS-ON INTEGRATED APPROACHES.

■ **"TECNOLOGICAL HAZARDS AND CHEMICALS" AGENDA :**

OUR PERMANENT PRESENCE AND COOPERATION WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF UNEP/IE, AS PART OF ITS "APEL PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE" HAS GIVEN INTERESTING PRODUCTS :

WITH "IMO", THE REDACTION OF THE "APEL IN PORTS" MANUAL AND THE "I WORLD CONGRESS ON MARITIME AND PORT SAFETY".

WITH "EPA", THE LICENSE TO USE NATIONWIDE THE "CAMEO, ALOHA AND MARPLOT SOFTWARES", AND INTRODUCE THIS IMPORTANT TECHNOLOGICAL INSTRUMENT THROUGH WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS IN OUR REGIONS AND PROVINCES.

WITH DHA/UNEP-IE JOINT COMMITTEE, THE OBTENTION OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY AT THE LOA RIVER POLLUTION ON 1997.

■ **"EARTHQUAKES, TSUNAMIS AND VOLCANOES" AGENDA :**

OUR COLLABORATION WITH THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE AND IDNDR, UGGI, IASPEI, IAVCEI, COI, MADE POSSIBLE THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "MODERN PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SYSTEMS FOR SEISMIC, VOLCANIC AND TSUNAMI RELATED RISKS", ATTENDED AND OPENED BY DR. PHILLIPE BOULLÉ WITH A PERSONAL ADDRESS OF THE IDNDR SECRETARIAT.

OUR CURRENT "VOLCANIC RISK PROJECT", A VERY IMPORTANT INTEGRATION TOOL WITH ARGENTINE, COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE SHARE THE BIGGEST VOLCANIC BORDER IN THE WORLD, HAVING MORE THAN 1500 VOLCANOES, 48 OF THEM HIGHLY ACTIVE (MORE THAN 10% OF THE ACTIVE VOLCANOES OF THE WORLD). THIS PROJECT CARRIED THROUGH "OCHA" IS GIVING IMPORTANT PRODUCTS TO THEIR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES.

■ **"INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PROJECTION" AGENDA :**

BESIDE OUR PERMANENT WORK WITH THE MOST IMPORTANT U.N. ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES WE MUST HIGHLIGHT :

THE ORGANIZATION AND PRESIDENCY OF THE "IBERO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CIVIL DEFENSE AND CIVIL PROTECTION ORGANISMS".

THE VALIDATION OF THIS INITIATIVE UNDER THE SIGNATURE OF 23 CHIEFS OF STATE ON THE "VIÑA DEL MAR DECLARATION", HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT BACKUP TO SEVERAL PROGRAMS IN THE REGION THAT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE DUE TO THE IMPORTANT COMMITMENT EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENTS AND FIRST MINISTERS ON THIS DOCUMENT.

WE FEEL AS A DISTINTION AND AN HONOUR, TO BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE "STC". ALSO, AS A RECOGNITION TO OUR NATIONAL EFFORTS TOWARDS A TRUE DEVELOPMENT EXPRESSED IN BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR PEOPLE , SECURITY AND PROTECTION FOR THEIR LIVES AND BELONGINGS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT.

THE END OF THE DECADE IS NEAR. THE BEGINNING OF A NEW MILLENIUM MUST CONSOLIDATE THIS EFFORTS AND EXPRESS THE IDEALS OF THE IDNDR ON A FURTHER AN MORE AMPLE PURPOSE !



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