

**Resolution of the SAARC Training Workshop on Incident Command System for
Disaster Management**

25-29 February, New Delhi, India

We, the emergency management professionals of South Asia, nominated by the member countries of the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) to undergo five day long training programme on Incident Command System (ICS) in Surajkund and New Delhi on 25-29, 2008;

Appreciate the initiative of the SAARC Disaster Management Centre (SDMC) in organizing this programme in collaboration with United States Forest Service (USFS) and Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) with support from USAID;

Acknowledge the usefulness of the Incident Command System (ICS), as a single standardized tool that provides effective coordination and communication, strict accountability, planning, cost effective operations and logistical support for efficient management of any disaster situation;

Endorse the relevance of the ICS in South Asia and the need to customize it according to the geographical, cultural and administrative contexts of South Asian countries under the existing government structure to strengthen national response management capacity;

Recognize the value of working together and forging inter-agency collaboration in supporting ICS initiative and related activities in the SAARC member countries;

Recommend that SDMC should lead the process of the development of a road map for systematic introduction of the Incident Command System (ICS) in the administrative structure and process in South Asia and training disaster management professionals in consultation with the national governments of the member countries and in collaboration with USFS, ADPC or such other agency as may be considered necessary;

Note and appreciate the efforts and technical support extended by USFS and ADPC in enhancing disaster response system and related disaster preparedness activities in SAARC countries.

Signed on the 29 February 2008.

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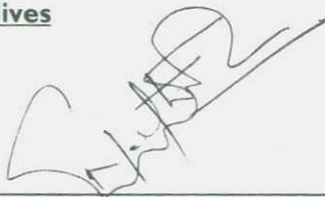


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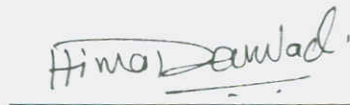


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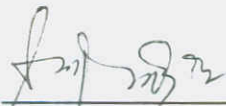


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