Responding to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 2021 report which UN Secretary-General António Guterres warned is a “Code Red for Humanity”;

Acknowledging increasingly frequent and severe disasters, including the COVID-19 pandemic, climate-related floods, fires and heatwaves which demonstrated the need for urgent and collaborative efforts;

Recognizing climate change, shifting demographics, new technologies, and the transition towards digital and green economies are transforming our approach to resilience;

Stressing the need for urgent, transformative, and collaborative action against existing, emerging, and future risks for a more disaster and climate-resilient Europe and Central Asian region;

And underlining that building resilience is an investment, not a cost.

PREVENTION PLEDGE: #PREVENTIONSAVESLIVES

We sign this Prevention Pledge,
Committing to making disaster prevention and resilience a priority and accelerating the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 according to the EFDRR Roadmap 2021-2030.

1. We commit to promote greater investment in disaster resilience, as the greatest public good that can be delivered to protect the safety of our citizens. This means to promote all-of-society approaches, laws and actions to address future climate and disaster risks, leaving no one behind.

2. We commit to investing in a green and disaster resilient recovery to develop policies, strategies, investments, and action plans that integrate disaster resilience into sustainable development, climate adaptation, resilient infrastructure and environmental actions including with nature-based solutions. We promote resilient recovery considering accessible and inclusive multi-hazard early warning systems, encompassing existing, emerging, and future risks including future climate scenarios at all levels.

3. We commit to better understanding and communicating on existing, emerging, and future systemic risks. We will improve knowledge, monitoring and evaluation to support greater prevention for all hazards considering future climate impacts and those disproportionately affected by disasters.

4. We commit to enhance our efforts in promoting inclusive and collaborative risk governance and decision-making, strengthening collaborative regional and local action, and promoting multi-stakeholder approaches of vulnerable groups.

5. We pledge to collaborate, share knowledge and experience, and periodically review our progress at the European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Matosinhos, Portugal, 25 November, 2021