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Dear Sir / Madam,

This letter is in support to the Global Network of Civil Society Organizations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR) and, in particular, its initiative “Views from the Frontline”.

The GNDR has been working with the secretariat of United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) since its launch in 2007 and contributed to the organization’s efforts to advocate for and support disaster risk reduction and resilience building to include, learn and partner with communities and local practitioners.

The GNDR has accumulated extensive knowledge and best practices in disaster risk reduction which form the basis for successful partnerships. The “Views from the Frontline” initiative is a participatory multi-stakeholder engagement process designed to monitor, review and report on critical aspects of local disaster risk reduction considered essential to building disaster resilient communities. This exercise has captured local authorities, community and civil society perspectives on progress in disaster risk reduction and it further complements national self-assessments of the Hyogo Framework of Action.

I highly value the partnership with the GNDR and encourage local communities in all parts of the world to participate in the “Views from the Frontline”. I look forward to its results, to be presented at the forthcoming Global Platform for Disaster Reduction in May 2013 in Geneva.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Wahlström', written in a cursive style.

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Special Representative of the Secretary-General
for Disaster Risk Reduction