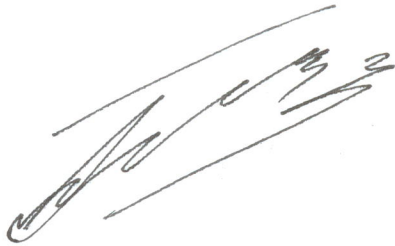


JOINT STATEMENT

Concerned about the increasing number of disasters and their growing impact, we envisage to expand and deepen the cooperation in the field of civil protection between the Ministry of the Russian Federation for Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disasters and the Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection of the European Commission. Both Sides agreed to sign the revised Administrative arrangement on practical cooperation in the field of civil protection to enhance coordination and cooperation between the two Sides for effective disaster prevention, preparedness and response.

Signed in Moscow on March 22, 2013.



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