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Building on the main conclusions provided by the Drafting Committee to form the **Manila Call for Action** and in reference to the previously adopted **Beijing Call for Innovation**, We, members of the Southeast Asia Group would like to emphasize the following:

We consider making Asia Pacific more resilient being our overarching goal.

Three priority areas for SEA Roadmap have been identified, which are consistent with the Manila Call to Action.

Priority 1: Strengthening National Societies to maximise their potential (*Localisation agenda*)

- Under this priority we will prioritise **youth** engagement and leadership through supporting mechanisms to increase youth involvement and activities.
- We will also aim at retaining, motivating and expanding our **volunteers** and culture of volunteering by acknowledging rights and protection of volunteers, and encouraging and diversifying volunteers roles.



- We will enhance communication and **resource generation** locally by mainstreaming income-generating activities and social entrepreneurship, sharing good practices that leverage on volunteers and members as well as public-private collaboration.

Priority 2: Disaster risk management (fast changing environment)

- We commit to tackle the consequences of **climate change** with regards to disasters, diseases and displacements by focusing on climate change mitigation and adaptation, and livelihood resilience initiatives adapted to diverse contexts
- We will strengthen our **collective capacity and solidarity** to prepare for, and respond to disasters, crises or health emergencies by strengthening and maximising emergency response teams capacities and ASEAN oriented team building, as well as peer-support in SEA.
- We will develop school safety programmes and **humanitarian education** by modernising our approach to education and training two teachers per school nation-wide.

Priority 3: Humanitarian diplomacy (Engaging)

- We will develop and contribute to a regional partnership and strategic dialogue with ASEAN including through the implementation of the MoU to be signed with ASEAN, the launch of the ASEAN Coalition for Resilience and closer collaboration with ASEAN focal points at country level.
- We will ensure that each National Society from Southeast Asia launch their coalition for resilience as a platform for **effective partnership**. This platform should also enable to establish target in volunteer engagement and recruitment volunteer base through people to people connection, and to foster National Society sustainability.
- Engage in thought-leadership and represent the voice of communities by establishing closer communication and feedback with mechanisms that also contribute to community accountability.