

# **Memorandum of Understanding**

between

the Federal Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Austria

and

the China Earthquake Administration of the People's Republic of China

on enhancing bilateral cooperation

in the field of prevention of natural disasters and removal of their consequences

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hereafter referred to as "Ministries",

- in recognition of the fact that increased bilateral cooperation in the field of prevention of natural disasters and removal of their consequences is highly important,
- led by the desire for a close cooperation of the Ministries and their subordinate agencies and by applying existing agreements and other international law,

express their wish for a closer cooperation in the areas mentioned below.

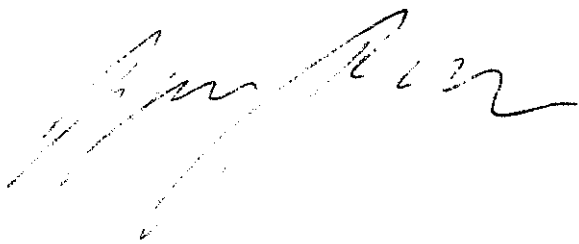
1. The cooperation between the Ministries will comprise:

- a) Mutual assistance in the event of major natural disasters;
- b) Exchange of information and best practice in the field of prevention of natural disasters.

2. To encourage cooperation, the Ministries will take the following measures:
  - a) Regular exchange of information and best practice in the field of prevention of natural disasters via expert meetings, workshops and seminars;
  - b) Participation in national trainings and exercises;
  - c) Exchange of experts in the field of prevention of natural disasters.
3. Each side will bear the costs incurred by their respective authorities in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding is concluded sine die and takes effect from the date of its signature. The effectiveness of this Memorandum of Understanding can be cancelled by either side by written notification through diplomatic channels. Such notification will become effective six months after the date of receipt by the respectively other side.

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For the Federal Ministry of the Interior  
of the Republic of Austria



For the China Earthquake Administration  
of the People's Republic of China

