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| Study Group 6 | |
| Liaison statement to the RAG[[1]](#footnote-1)\*[[2]](#footnote-2)+  Natural and "Man Made" disasters - the role of the terrestrial broadcasting service | |

Study Group 6 would like to draw your attention to work that is currently being carried out in Working Party 6A regarding the crucial role of terrestrial radio and television broadcasting in response to natural and “man-made” disasters and mitigating the consequences of them.

As well as maintaining an on-going work stream which takes into account continuing technical developments in the relevant fields, Study Group 6 held a workshop dealing with the subject on the 21st November 2013 and Working Party 6A has developed a Preliminary Draft New Report – “The importance of terrestrial broadcasting in providing emergency information to the public” (see Annex 6 to Document [6A/360](http://www.itu.int/md/R12-WP6A-C-0360/en)). The Report should be finalized in time for the next meeting in March 2014. In addition to the series of cases described, Annex 8B of the document gives details about the International Radio for Disaster Relief (IRDR) project, conceived by the HFCC – International Broadcasting Delivery (HFCC). The project's ultimate aim is to identify frequency channels in each shortwave band, which the global coordination community will reserve for disaster mitigation broadcasting.

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1. \* Copy to ITU-D Study Group 2 (Q.11-3) and any other relevant group in the BDT. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. + This liaison statement will be brought to the attention of the ITU Climate Change and Emergency Communications Task Force. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)