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**REVIEW OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL COMMITTEES
AND PROGRAMMES**

A. Number and status of National Committees/Focal Points

1. Although a large number of National Committees/Focal points have already been set up (see Table 1 below), a review of progress to date indicates that while new participants must be encouraged to join the IDNDR, and especially those from disaster-prone countries, liaison with established representatives also needs to be strengthened.

Table 1.

Total number of National Committees/ Focal Points established to date:	102 (see Annex 1)
New National Committees/Focal Points:	
- being set up	3 (Albania, Iran, Niger)
- in transition from Focal Point to National Committee	2 (Netherlands, UK)
- restructuring	1 (Russian Federation)
Number of National Committees/ Focal Points established since the beginning of 1992:	6 (Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, St Kitts & Nevis, Turks & Caicos, Zaire)

2. Nonetheless, despite a large and growing number of countries participating in the IDNDR, the actual level of activity in many countries is low. As there would seem to be a correlation between the level of representation by National Committee (only 61 have been formed out of a possible 102) and the level of activity, focal points must be encouraged and supported in setting up dynamic, multi-sectoral committees for the implementation of IDNDR's objectives.