

In 1986, UNDRO requested its Representatives in the field, i.e. United Nations Resident Co-ordinators and UNDP Resident Representatives, to verify and/or supplement with the competent Governmental authorities in the countries of their assignment the information which UNDRO had available on the national officials responsible for the management of disasters and other emergencies, as well as legislative texts pertaining to this function. A similar request was addressed to Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

The information obtained appears in the tabulated table which follows. It comprises Member States of the United Nations as well as some Non Member States; the latter are marked with an asterisk.

It should be noted that as at 28 February 1987 responses had not been received from every country, and it is hoped that these gaps will be filled in the forthcoming edition of the list.

It would also be appreciated if all national departments/ services concerned would communicate to UNDRO any modification or additional data to be also included in the second edition.

UNDRO wishes to express its sincere thanks to the Permanent Missions at Geneva and to the Resident Co-ordinators/Representatives for their contributions. It is hoped that the list will be useful to those responsible at the national level for the management of disasters and other emergencies by facilitating an exchange of information and experience in this field.