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**Statement of H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser,  
President of the 66<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly,  
on the earthquake in Indonesia**

*Statement attributable to the spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly*

The President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, expresses his deep sorrow and sincere sympathies to the Government and people of Indonesia over the devastating earthquake that hit Indonesia's western coast on Wednesday.

He notes that the frequency and recurrence of such natural disasters is a reminder that we must focus our efforts on preparing for and tackling this urgent phenomena.

The President of the General Assembly reiterates his call to the International Community to redouble their efforts in the area of "Improving Disaster Prevention and Response", an issue that is one of the key focus areas for the 66th Session of the UN General Assembly.