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The following HRR recommendations are to addressed through processes agreed upon at the September 2005 IASC Working Group Retreat, as reflected in:

1. Outcome Statement of the IASC Principals Meeting, 12 September 2005 and its annex

Extracted below are the relevant HRR recommendations:

- ii. The IASC organizations should actively pursue and measure the reform processes in their respective organizations, as well as the improvement of the CAP process, through the establishment and the application of different sets of benchmarks. Priority should be given to
 - internal management benchmarks related to the organizations' preparedness as well as their assessment and planning capacities, in particular at field level. (Action: All – immediately)
 - a limited number of process and impact benchmarks for the CAP or other forms of appeal. (Action: All immediately)
- iii. The IASC should develop a strategy to promote cross-fertilization amongst organizations on best practices related to the use and the development of benchmarks and to ensure appropriate coherence in particular in preparedness and in the CAP process (at country level).
- iv. The IASC and the donors should establish a limited set of benchmarks (and indicators) to be implemented in the first period of a new emergency up to a maximum of 3 months and addressing in priority
 - access and coverage of population in need
 - identification of responsibilities in delivery of assistance and in coordination
 - resources mobilization (human, assets, financial)

- identification of relevant lifesaving activities
- protection aspects, where needed.

Organizations and donors should agree on it and test it over a 3-year period, starting in 2006, before becoming the reference set. (Action: ERC/IASC with Donors – immediately)

- xii. Organization Field Directors should clear and establish agreements with operational partners on matters pertaining to local hiring and procurement in particular. (Action: All)
- xiii. Non-UN networks, such as those organized by IFRC and the Interagency Working Group, should make liaison with the HC a priority. (Action: Red Cross/Red Crescent members; NGOs)
- xv. In an integrated mission with significant humanitarian component, the DSRSG should be vested with the authority to make major decisions on humanitarian matters as well as delegated the functions of the Designated Official (DO) for security for the mission. (Action: ERC/IASC immediately)

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