
G20 Leaders Conclusions on Natural Disasters 2008-2010

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Summary of Conclusions on Natural Disasters in G20 Leaders Documents

Year	# of Words	% of Total Words	# of Paragraphs	% of Total Paragraphs	# of Documents	% of Total Documents	# of Dedicated Documents
2008 Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009 London*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009 Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010 Toronto*	64	0.6	1	0.7	1	50	0
2010 Seoul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average	12.8	0.12	0.2	0.14	0.2	10.0	0

Notes:

Data are drawn from all official English-language documents released by the G20 leaders as a group. Charts are excluded.

“# of Words” is the number of natural disaster-related subjects for the year specified, excluding document titles and references. Words are calculated by paragraph because the paragraph is the unit of analysis.

“% of Total Words” refers to the total number of words in all documents for the year specified.

“# of Paragraphs” is the number of paragraphs containing references to natural disasters for the year specified. Each point is recorded as a separate paragraph.

“% of Total Paragraphs” refers to the total number of paragraphs in all documents for the year specified.

“# of Documents” is the number of documents that contain natural disaster subjects and excludes dedicated documents.

“% of Total Documents” refers to the total number of documents for the year specified.

“# of Dedicated Documents” is the number of documents for the year that contain a natural disaster-related subject in the title.

* Meeting in addition to annual scheduled meeting.

Introduction and Definition of Issue Area

A natural disaster is caused by natural forces, rather than by the action of a living thing, and can result in substantial human loss and disease. The G20 has encouraged aid and donor organizations to take remedial action to better prepare high risk areas and populations from natural disasters and alleviate the damage done by their occurrences. A main responsibility for governments is to work with the construction and insurance sectors to formulate regulations for better building and land use, as well as compensation practices for loss prevention.

Search Terms

The following keywords were used for this report.

Inclusions

Avalanche, cyclones, disaster, droughts, earthquakes, floods, forest fires, heat waves, hurricanes, ice storms, mudslides, snow storms, tornados, tsunamis, typhoons, volcanic eruption, wildfire

Coding Rules

The unit of analysis is the paragraph/sentence.

Need a direct reference to natural disaster or a cognate term.

Cognate or extended terms can be used without a direct reference to “natural disaster” if they have previously been directly associated together in Summit communiqué history.

Conclusions on Natural Disasters in G20 Leaders Summit Documents

2008: Washington DC, November 14-15

No references.

2009: London, April 1-2

No references.

2009: Pittsburgh, September 24-25

No references.

2010: Toronto, September 26-27

The G20 Toronto Summit Declaration

Debt Relief for Haiti

12. We stand united with the people of Haiti as they struggle to recover from the devastation wrought by the **earthquake** in January, and we join other donors in providing assistance in this difficult time, including through the Haiti Reconstruction Fund set up by the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the United Nations...

2010: Seoul, November 11-12

No references.