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Dear Friends and Colleagues:

It is an exquisite pleasure and an honour to me as the President of the Nordic Society of Disaster Medicine to welcome you to this Fourth Nordic Congress on Emergency and Disaster Medicine. The institutionalised approach to disaster issue is a young science, not only in the Nordic countries, but also globally. Actually, as of yet, it is difficult to justify calling it a science. However, many have joined in the efforts to change that, and this Congress will be one important event in bringing Disaster Medicine and Disaster Management the necessary important steps forward. Disasters always are tragedies, and it should be our prime goal to reduce the Damage Probability related to the events responsible for disasters to an absolute minimum. Consequently, we, the "disaster people", must venture into discussions on generic questions as well as details comprising all aspects of disasters. This includes prevention, mitigation, emergency medicine, social science, public health, command and control, engineering, infrastructure, and so on and so forth. In other words, we must be able to analyse society in a far more complete way than any other medical branch and specialist field. This is a major challenge, but it certainly is fascinating, since it widens our horizon and increases our understanding of the complexity of any society as a whole.

The Nordic Society of Disaster Medicine seriously want to contribute to this process and thereby, also to the reduction of the misery and suffering that we are confronted with on a daily basis, both through our professions and also through the mass-media. Therefore, I reiterate my welcome to you and I feel confident that with your help, this Congress will constitute one of the steps needed to bring about a reduction in the suffering and destruction that occur as a result from all different destructive events and forces.

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