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Summary  

The present report has been prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolution 46/182, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report annually to the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance. The report is also submitted in response to Assembly resolution 69/135 and Economic and Social Council resolution 2014/13. The period covered by the report is January to December 2014.  

The report describes major humanitarian trends and challenges and analyses a number of thematic issues, including meeting capacity and resource challenges through humanitarian effectiveness, risk management approaches, changes to humanitarian financing, adherence to international humanitarian law and principles, and addressing access and protection concerns. The report provides an overview of current efforts to improve humanitarian coordination and response.