Annex I: Specific objectives of the evaluation
(III in the terms of reference)

1. A brief assessment of the country's proneness to disasters as well as an assessment of local level (e.g. local authorities, communities, NGOs) of preparedness to deal with the situation. The assessment should also look at relief or development project that might have an impact on disaster preparedness in the region.

2. A assessment of the relevance of the objectives including the validity of the needs assessment and number and/or choice of beneficiaries. The assessment should also comment on the suitability of the strategy foreseen to implement the action;

3. An assessment of the coordination between the operator and other international operators and donors including other Commission services working in the area with similar projects including a description of their projects, project amounts and types of inputs, to the extend possible.

4. An examination of the operational capacity of the partner in terms of maintaining plans and physical implementation of the action: respect of time schedules of the contract as well as of plan of activities established for the project, financial recording systems, distribution (if applicable) as well as coordination with local institutions, authorities and communities. The consultant will also comment on efficiency and number of staff, local and expatriate;

5. An assessment of suitability, quality and quantity (if applicable) of products and/or services that form part of the project. The consultant will check these points with the beneficiaries and will verify that the products and/or services are in accordance with specifications.

6. The consultant will verify whether a monitoring and auto-evaluation system has been established by the partner and how they are working. In addition, the consultant will check whether the reports required have been submitted on time and he/she will comment on their adequacy.

7. The consultant will comment on the visibility of ECHO in project activities.

8. The consultant will estimate the results of the project in qualitative and quantitative (if applicable) terms such as level of local capacity building and the strengthening of managerial and industrial structures. He/she should also comment on the likely impact of the project in terms of reduced vulnerability to disasters. In addition, the consultant should estimate the need or possibility for sustainability of the project. For instance, how will or can the project continue after the termination of the ECHO financing.

9. The consultant should advise on the need and type of future ECHO financed activities in the area, if any.

The consultant will base his/her work on information available in ECHO, on information available at the Partner and with the E.C. Delegation, on direct contacts with the beneficiaries, local authorities and local organisations.