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This is the first step in the planning for disasters. Most resource-rich countries already have such an agency, which can formulate policy at the national level and has the infrastructure to react quickly when the need arises. Areas near active volcanoes and geological fault lines are at risk from seismic disturbances, whereas regions along major rivers are liable to flooding. The urban centres of all countries are now potential targets for terrorist attacks. It is important to not only carry out threat assessments but also, if possible, set up an early warning system.

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