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## **Statement on behalf of the African Group**

### **Under Agenda item 87 “Protection of persons in the event of disasters”**

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**Madam Chairperson,**

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the African Group.

The African Group thanks the International Law Commission (ILC) for its crucial work in the progressive development of international law and its codification. The ILC product on *the protection of persons in the event of disasters* is a valuable contribution to fill the gap on the protection of persons in the event of disasters.

The frequency and the severity of natural disasters, many of which are exacerbated by climate change, and their damaging impacts on societies, including their impediment on the full realization of their sustainable development goals, is of concern to the African Group.

The number and scale of disasters and their devastating impact in recent years, which have resulted in massive loss of life, food insecurity, water-related challenges, displacement, humanitarian needs and long-term negative economic, social and environmental consequences, are worrisome.

**Madam Chairperson,**

The protection of persons in the event of disasters is an important issue in many parts of the world, in particular in Africa. The African Group believes that solidarity and international cooperation are paramount when responding to such events.

Over the years, different views were expressed concerning the future action on this product and we look forward to this session's discussions on this issue of topical importance.

The African Group takes note of the recommendation of the International Law Commission on the elaboration of a convention on the basis on the draft articles on the protection of persons in the event of disasters and welcomes the discussions on this agenda item within the Sixth committee.

**I thank you for your attention.**