
Remarks on Cluster 2: Core obligations (draft articles 4, 5, 6 and 9)
Agenda Item: Protection of Persons in the event of Disasters
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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Article 5 - Protection of Rights:

Consistent with our previous remarks on draft article 2, we believe **draft Article 5** should clarify what the phrase "entitled to the respect for and protection of their human rights " means. Effectively, not all rights can be fully realized in the midst of a disaster, it would be valuable to explicitly delineate which rights will be particularly preserved within the framework of these draft articles. Such clarification will contribute to a deeper comprehension of the draft articles' scope and the parameters governing the protection of rights during times of disaster.

Article 6 - Humanitarian Principles:

With respect to **draft article 6**, we stress the importance of upholding humanitarian principles by all parties involved, including assisting states, affected states, and humanitarian organizations. This should be taken into account when drafting draft article 6.

Article 9 - Disaster Measures:

In reference to **draft article 9**, it is crucial that the measures taken by states take into account the capacity of each state to conduct such measures, including considering their financial resources. This would be in line with the principle of "common but differentiated responsibility," recognizing that responses to disaster risks should be in accordance with the capacity of each state. This approach ensures that disaster risk reduction measures, including risk assessments, data dissemination, and early warning systems, are implemented effectively.