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Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters

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Mr. Chair,

Disasters don't discriminate, but their impact hits the most vulnerable hardest. Our duty is to shield them before the storm strikes.

The UNDRR reports that over the last two decades, natural disasters have affected more than 4 billion people worldwide.

Indonesia, situated in the Pacific Ring of Fire, is acutely familiar with the destructive forces of earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, and floods.

The 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, which claimed over 230,000 lives, stands as a powerful reminder of nature's devastation.

In 2023 alone, Indonesia faced over 5,400 disasters, affecting 8 million people.

As the planet warms, disaster events are growing in frequency and severity, demanding an urgent need to strengthen our commitment to protecting people.

This is not just a humanitarian duty. It is an obligation under international law, grounded in the principles of the United Nations Charter and reaffirmed by frameworks like the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

However, the increasing devastation calls for more decisive action.

I would like to highlight three key points:

FIRST, disaster protection requires proactive strategies that prioritize prevention, preparedness, and resilience.

We must enhance efforts to mitigate risks before they escalate into crises.

This requires more than just national solutions.

SECOND, disaster impacts often transcend borders, making international cooperation essential.

No nation, regardless of its preparedness, can confront such challenges alone.

Enhanced global collaboration, especially in sharing technologies, early warning systems, best practices, as well as in financing and deploying swift humanitarian responses, is crucial to effective disaster management.

THIRD, the ILC Draft Articles on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters provides critical legal underpinnings to foster cooperation.

The Draft Articles ensures affected individuals receive the necessary assistance, aligned with their dignity and needs.

Further discussions on these Articles will refine legal norms, elevate global disaster management, and promote international cooperation in disaster prevention, mitigation, and response.

Mr. Chair,

In a world of growing risks, protecting lives isn't just an obligation, it's a shared responsibility.

By building stronger global partnerships, we can respond to disasters more effectively and ensure a safer, more resilient future for all.

I thank you.
