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**Intervention of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
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“Protection of persons in the event of disasters”**

Cluster III (Draft articles 7, 8, 12)

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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

Jordan had the following remarks on cluster 3:

Regarding **Draft Article 7**, and consistent with our previous intervention, we reaffirm that the duty of cooperation is a cornerstone of the Draft Articles, ensuring an effective response to disasters, as highlighted in the commentary. This duty is a principle of international law, and is reflected in articles 1, 55 and 56 of the Charter of the United Nations. In addition, this duty extends not only to cooperation among States but also applies toward other humanitarian actors.

Moreover, we interpret the term "appropriate" in Draft Article 7 to mean that the affected State's duty of cooperation should be differentiated vis-a-vis assisting states and other humanitarian actors. This distinction, therefore, ensures that such a duty towards non-governmental organizations is not on the same level as the duty towards other states, the UN, and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

We believe that the content of the duty of cooperation should be in accordance with the circumstances of each disaster and the capacity of the affected State to manage and respond to such crises. This also applies to the scope of the duty by humanitarian actors and assisting States.

Similarly, the application of **Draft Article 8** should be contingent on the specific situation at hand. For instance, in some situations of disaster, the emphasis may be on the availability of resources, such as scientific knowledge and medical resources, while in others, the primary focus may shift to humanitarian assistance or relief personnel and equipment.

With respect to **Draft Article 12**, it clearly grants the assisting actors the discretion to extend assistance to the affected State and as regards to the level of assistance. We recommend the inclusion of language concerning the duty of solidarity on the part of assisting actors. It is important to reiterate that such assistance must be consistent with the principles of state sovereignty and non-intervention in the internal affairs of the affected states.

Additionally, **in paragraph 2**, we propose incorporating language that ensures assisting actors do not withhold the provision of requested assistance arbitrarily. This will further strengthen the effectiveness of the article in practice.

I thank you.